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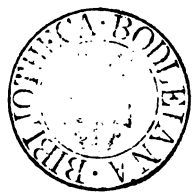

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PREFACE.

THIS book is simply a reproduction, in one volume and in larger type, of two series of Family Prayers which have been now for some years before the public.

When we brought out the first series, we said that we aimed at 'simplicity of language and directness of supplication,' combined with greater 'brevity,' than is sometimes found in books of Family Prayer. In the second series (much asked for by those who had long used the first) we pursued the same plan.

We have abundant cause for thankfulness for the result. Our little books have met with

much favour and success, and we have reason to hope have been found useful.

It is impossible to satisfy all requirements. Numberless suggestions have been made to us by friends, some of which we have acted upon, others we have not been able to carry out; and if in so doing we displease any, we must ask them kindly to bear in mind the differences in position and education of those for the use of whom our book is designed, and the infinite variety of tastes and feelings existing amongst those who avail themselves of such aids to family devotion.

Amongst other requests, one has been often made for a larger type, specially for the use of the aged and those of comparatively weak sight. With this request we have been glad in the present volume to comply.

It will be seen that two of the weeks contain prayers taken either partly or wholly from the

Book of Common Prayer. If the parts consisting of responses present any difficulty, it will be easy to omit them and to read the collects alone. Many however, it may be hoped, would with a little practice find profit and pleasure in their use.

It only remains to pray that a spirit of grace and supplication may rest abundantly upon all who take these words into their lips.

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FAMILY PRAYERS.

FIRST WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

O MOST GRACIOUS GOD, our Heavenly Father, who by Thy kind providence hast brought us to see the light of another Sabbath, give us grace to remember Thy day to keep it holy.

Thou who art more ready to hear than we to pray, pour upon us this morning a spirit of true devotion. Enable us to unburden our hearts before Thee. May Thy Holy Spirit help our infirmities, and teach us how to pray.

O God, suffer us not this day to draw near unto Thee with our lips only, whilst our hearts are far from Thee. Keep us from offering Thee a cold and unmeaning service; and make us, we entreat Thee,

so deeply to feel our weakness, our ignorance, our sinfulness, and all our need, that we may come with earnest hearts to Thy throne of grace.

When we go up to the courts of Thy house, deliver us from a trifling and worldly spirit, from wandering thoughts, and from a cold and unbelieving heart. Enable us to join humbly and fervently in the services of Thy sanctuary. Blessed Saviour, fulfil to us Thine own most gracious promise, that where two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, there Thou wilt be in the midst of them. May we know and feel by happy experience that Thou art in the midst of Thy worshipping people this day. May our hearts burn within us whilst we draw near to Thee in prayer, hearken to Thy Word, and sing Thy praises. May we gain strength, and peace, and comfort whilst we wait upon Thee.

Be with all Thy ministering servants, O Lord, this day. Do Thou teach them, that they may be able to teach others. Fill them with light and love, with holy wisdom and heavenly zeal. Make them able ministers of the New Testament, faithful ambassadors for Thee. Let their words come forth with power, and with the Holy Ghost, and with much assurance.

Open, O God, our hearts to receive the truths which shall be delivered this day in Thy name. May the word preached be a word in season to every one of us.

Grant, O Heavenly Father, that this day may prove to be a day rich in blessing to many souls. May it be for the awakening of sinners, and for the comfort, instruction, and refreshment of Thine own people. Oh, that Satan's kingdom may this day be weakened, and Thine own kingdom and glory increased. Gather into Thy Church this day, O Lord, from young

and old, from Jews and Gentiles, many who shall be eternally saved. And unto us who now kneel before Thee, grant Thy quickening, sanctifying, enlightening grace, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, at the close of this Thine own holy day of rest, we come to offer up once more our united prayers and praises.

We thank Thee for all that we have heard and learnt to-day, for the opportunity which we have had of seeking Thee in Thy house of prayer, and for the message of mercy which Thou hast sent to us by Thy ministers. Write, O Lord, upon our hearts and memories the lessons of truth, which this day have been set before us. May Thy Holy Spirit apply the word with power to our consciences; and may we be doers of it, and not hearers only.

Forgive, O Heavenly Father, in Thy great mercy, all that has been imperfect

and sinful in our worship. We confess that we have been weak in faith and cold in devotion; that our thoughts have wandered in prayer, and whilst we listened to Thy Word. Pardon the iniquity of our holy things. Grant, O Lord, that we may prize more highly the means of grace; and do Thou make them more profitable to our souls.

Lord, let Thy love be abundantly shed abroad in our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit. Take away all pride, and ignorance, and unbelief. Make us more humble, more holy, more heavenly-minded. May we daily grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Saviour Christ. May we seek more and more to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life.

We thank Thee for any comfort we have experienced this day whilst waiting upon Thee [or, *in drawing near to Thee at Thy holy table*]. May every earthly

Sabbath, as it passes away, leave us holier, and better prepared for an eternal Sabbath in heaven.

And if there be any one whom we love amongst us who is living for this world only, and who is still far from Thee, O Thou good Shepherd, who didst lay down Thy life for the sheep, bring that wanderer into Thy fold. Soften that hard heart, and quicken it by Thy grace. Fill it with deep anxiety for salvation, and then pour in the balm of heavenly comfort.

Water with the dew of Thy blessing, O Lord, the seed sown this day by the ministers of Thy gospel. Lead every penitent to Christ; comfort every mourner; build up Thy people in their most holy faith.

And now, O Heavenly Father, grant that peaceful sleep may close this holy day; and whilst we lay our bodies down to rest

beneath Thy care, let our souls enjoy that quiet confidence and happy trust, which is the portion of Thy children.

Hear in mercy these our supplications, and accept our praises, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Morning.

O GOD, who hast spared our lives, and brought us to the beginning of another day, we lift up our hearts to Thee. We thank Thee for rest during the past night, for life preserved, and strength renewed, and for the many tokens of Thy lovingkindness which surround us.

We thank Thee also for our religious privileges; especially for Thy Sabbath, with its precious opportunities of instruction. We pray that the truths which we heard on Thy holy day may influence us throughout the week. May we thus become more wise, more earnest, more spiritually minded.

And now, O Lord, prepare us for the duties and trials which lie before us. Whatever we have to do, may we do it

willingly and heartily, as unto Thee, and not as unto men. Show us our besetting sins, and grant that we may watch and fight against them. Give us grace to take up, each one of us, our peculiar cross, whatever it may be, to exercise constant self-denial, and in all things to follow our Master, Christ.

If we should be tempted this day to impatience and anger, enable us to remember Him, who when He was reviled reviled not again, when He suffered threatened not. Give us more of the mind which was in Christ Jesus. Make us more like Him in lowliness and meekness. Make us kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another; ready to bear each other's burdens, and so to fulfil the law of Christ.

Let not the world with its cares and vanities fill our hearts this day, and so make us forget the worth of our souls,

the love of our Saviour, and the nearness of eternity. Whilst we are busy in the world, may our hearts rise above it.

May Thy Holy Spirit continually quicken and guide, cleanse and sanctify us. May He work in us to will and to do of His good pleasure. May He implant within us pure desires and heavenly affections, and teach our tongues to speak Thy praise.

Make us, O God, a blessing to one another; help us to strengthen one another's faith, and to assist one another in the way to heaven. Be with our absent relatives and friends, and bring them all to the saving knowledge of Christ.

Lord, watch over us, and all who are dear to us, this day. Defend our souls from the assaults of the wicked one, and preserve our bodies in health and safety. O let nothing draw our hearts from Thee. May all Thy wise and merciful dealings

bind us more closely to Thee, and fit us better for Thy service. May we walk in the light of Thy countenance, and know the happiness of those who have the Lord for their God. Hear us, Heavenly Father, and when Thou hearest forgive, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Monday Evening.

O LORD, our God, who, though Thou art infinitely great and holy, yet humblest Thyself to receive the petitions of Thy needy creatures, be pleased graciously to accept this our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise. Enable us always to draw near to Thee with reverence and godly fear, pleading only the merits of Jesus, Thy beloved Son.

Thou hast encouraged us by many exceeding great and precious promises to make known our wants unto Thee. Thou hast said, 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find.' O Lord, remember this Thy word unto Thy servants, upon which Thou hast caused us to hope. Make good to us Thy own promise.

We come to Thee to ask for the pardon of our many sins. When we look back upon a single day, how much is there to confess and to mourn over; what neglect of duty; what indulgence of secret sins; how many foolish and impatient words spoken; how many vows and promises unfulfilled and forgotten! O Lord, blot out as a thick cloud our transgressions, and as a cloud our sins. Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously. Say unto our souls, 'I am thy salvation.'

And do Thou, O Lord, break the power of sin within us. Cause us more and more to hate all that is evil; and strengthen us to fight against it. Show to us more of the deceitfulness of our own hearts, that we may be truly humbled before Thee, and may come to Thee continually for sanctifying and strengthening grace. Order our steps in Thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over us. Let no closely

besetting sin ever be excused or indulged by us.

Make us willing to be wholly Thine. May our eye be single, and our desire heavenly. And quicken us, O Lord, in Thy way. Warm our cold hearts with love, strengthen our faith, and confirm our hope.

And now that we are about to lie down to sleep, be pleased to guard us from all evil, and to keep us in peace and safety. Grant us the blessing of refreshing rest; or if we should lie wakeful upon our beds, fill our minds with thoughts of Thee. When we draw near to Thee in private prayer, assist us by Thy Holy Spirit to hold real communion with Thee. Make us to feel that Thou art nigh unto us, waiting to be gracious, and able and willing to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Make us earnestly to long for those blessings which come from above; and then do Thou satisfy

the desires which Thou Thyself hast awakened. O Lord, graciously hear and answer our supplications, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, in whom alone we live, and move, and have our being, graciously accept the prayers and praises with which we would begin another day.

We thank Thee for Thy watchful care over us, and for all Thy bounty towards us. Grant, O Lord, that we may show our thankfulness to Thee, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by daily endeavouring to do such things as are pleasing to Thee.

We bless Thee that in Thy holy Word Thou hast made known to us Thy will. Make us to love and prize that Word more. Forgive our past neglect and unprofitable use of it. Forgive our want of reverence and faith in reading it. O

gracious God, by whose inspiration the Scriptures were written, speak through them to our inmost souls. Let them be spirit and life to us. Let them bring to us special messages from heaven. Open Thou our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of Thy law. And give us a teachable mind, that we may receive with humility what God the Lord shall speak unto us.

Lord, preserve us this day in body and soul. Be pleased to grant us such a measure of health and strength, that we may be enabled rightly to fulfil the duties of our several stations. And do Thou keep our hearts steadfast in Thy fear and love all the day long. Never suffer us to forget that Thou, God, seest us. Hold up our goings in Thy path, that our footsteps slip not. In word and deed may we seek to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, and to

prove ourselves His true disciples. May our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify Thee our heavenly Father.

Make us also more anxious about the souls of others. Help us this day to be in some measure useful to our fellow-men. May Jesus Christ and His great salvation be so precious to our own souls, that we may be filled with earnest desires to make His love known to all around us.

Bless the ministers of Thy Church. And, O Thou Lord of the harvest, send forth many faithful labourers into Thy harvest. Prosper especially the efforts of all Thy missionary servants. Gather from out of heathen lands many who are as sheep without a shepherd. Have mercy upon Thine ancient people Israel. Grant that the veil may be taken from their hearts, so that they may acknowledge Jesus of Nazareth as their Redeemer and their King.

And now, Lord, we commit ourselves to Thy care for the coming day. May we act as in Thy presence, and do all this day to Thy glory.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, we humbly draw near to Thee this evening in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. We bless and praise Thee that through Him Thou hast opened a way by which we may approach Thee with acceptance. Assist us to offer up heartily this our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise.

We bless Thee that we have been kept this day in safety by Thy watchful care. Thanks be unto Thee for the supply of our bodily wants, and our preservation from danger. O God, suffer us not to think little of our daily blessings, because they are continually renewed to us, and because others share them with us. Make us ever mindful of our own unworthiness, that we may be more truly

thankful for all Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy; and do Thou enable us to show our thankfulness by daily endeavouring to please and honour Thee.

O Thou who art the God of grace, as well as the God of providence, as Thou hast supplied our temporal wants, supply also our spiritual necessities. We thank Thee for Thine unspeakable gift, the gift of Thine own dear Son. By Thy Holy Spirit convince us of our sinfulness; and thus make us to see our need of a Saviour. Make us to feel that we are spiritually diseased, so that we may hasten to the great Physician of souls.

Implant in us, O Lord, a true and lively faith in Christ. May our whole trust be in Him, and all our hopes drawn from Him. May His name be precious to us, and His service delightful. May we love His voice, and meekly follow Him.

Lord, Thou knowest our foolishness,

and our faults are not hid from Thee. O pity our weakness, and strengthen us with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man. Have compassion on our ignorance, and give us heavenly wisdom. Of Thy great mercy pardon our many sins and shortcomings, and incline us to walk more humbly and more diligently in Thy ways.

Whatever holy purposes Thy Spirit may awaken in our hearts, enable us to carry them into practice. We acknowledge that we are often dull and cold, and disposed to wander from Thee. O Thou, who camest that we might have life, and have it more abundantly, give new life and warmth to our souls.

And now that we are about once more to lie down to sleep, O Lord, graciously watch over us, and protect us. Preserve our frail bodies from harm, and keep our minds in peace. Raise up, O Lord, our hearts and hopes to Thyself; scatter every

anxious thought that disturbs us; and keep us simply trusting in Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Morning.

O LORD GOD of our salvation, graciously hear and answer the prayers which we would now offer up to Thee, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

We are once more met together, to bless Thee as a family for Thy fatherly care over us, and Thy bounty towards us. We thank Thee for the mercies of the past night, and for the life and strength which Thou hast renewed to us with the light of another day.

And now we know not, O Lord, what this day may bring forth; but we humbly ask Thee to fit us for its duties, to support us under its trials, and, with every temptation which it may bring, to make for us a way to escape. Give us, we pray

Thee, daily bread for our bodies, and daily grace for our souls.

Let us not live this day in vain. May we constantly be making some progress in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May we, by Thy help, do all we can this day to promote Thy glory and the good of others.

Whilst we are in the world, O Lord, keep us from the evil of the world. Whilst we are busy in our earthly occupations, keep us mindful of eternal things. May we never forget that we are Thy servants, and that we are not our own, but have been bought with the price of the Saviour's precious blood.

Thy vows, O God, are upon us. We have been dedicated to Thee at our baptism. We are solemnly pledged to serve Thee. Give us grace to fulfil our vows, and to fight manfully under the banner of Christ against the world, the

flesh, and the devil. Strengthen us especially to struggle against our besetting sins. Let no sudden assault of the wicked one overcome us; but do Thou ever guard us against the power of his temptations.

Set a watch, O Lord, before our mouth, and keep the door of our lips, that we offend not with our tongues. Preserve us from all hasty, or unkind words; and so influence our hearts by Thy grace, that we may both speak and act as becometh Thy people.

Enable us to assist one another in spiritual as well as temporal things. Unite us together in brotherly love. Give us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. Teach us to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Quicken us, O Lord, in Thy way. Thou knowest how apt we are to loiter on our road. O help us forward by the power of Thy grace.

Bless those whom we love; and if any

of them as yet know Thee not, bring them nigh unto Thyself, and make them truly Thine.

These mercies, O Lord, we ask for ourselves and for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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The Lord bless and keep us: the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

O THOU that hearest prayer, to Thee do we come. Look down upon us in mercy, O God, and for Thy dear Son's sake hearken unto our cry.

We thank Thee for the blessings of another day. Thou art good, and doest good; Thou daily loadest us with benefits. But we are compelled to acknowledge with shame that we have made but poor returns for all the kindness which Thou hast so mercifully shown towards us. Whilst Thou hast thought of us, and cared for us, and watched over us, we have been forgetful of Thee. Whilst Thou hast been blessing us, we have too often been grieving Thee by our waywardness and hardness of heart.

O Lord, pardon our ingratitude and rebellion. Heal our souls, for we have

sinned against Thee. Forgive our pride, and worldliness of mind, our unbelief and unprofitableness. Forgive us that we have had so little delight in Thy holy Word, and have so little valued the precious privilege of prayer. To us, O Lord, belong shame and confusion of face; but to Thee, blessed be Thy name, belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Thee. O God, subdue the power of sin within us. Grant unto us a sincere hatred of what is evil; and fill us with earnest desires after holiness of heart and life.

Suffer us not, gracious Lord, to be satisfied with the mere form of godliness, but incline us by Thy grace to yield up our hearts, and to consecrate our lives, wholly to Thee. Make Thy Word quick and powerful for our guidance. Let its precious promises cheer us, and its wholesome precepts guide us continually.

O God, who hast promised to give

Thy Holy Spirit to them that ask Thee, mercifully fulfil to us Thy promise; and grant that that Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. May He enlighten our understandings, and sanctify our affections, and show us more and more of the love, and power, and mercy of Christ our Saviour.

Look with Thy favour upon our Country. Let the throne of our Queen be established in righteousness. Give wisdom to her Counsellors, and incline them to seek above all things Thy glory, and the spiritual welfare of the people of this land.

And now that we are about to lie down to rest, take us, we beseech Thee, under Thy Fatherly care. If we should lie wakeful upon our beds, bring to our recollection some precious truth of Thy Word, and fill us with peaceful thoughts of Thee and of heaven.

Most merciful Father, bless and watch

over all who are near and dear to us. May we and they walk humbly with Thee here, and at last rest with Thee above, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

Thursday Morning.

MOST gracious and merciful Father, be pleased to accept, for Jesus Christ's sake, our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise. From Thee cometh down every good and perfect gift. We thank Thee for all the blessings which we have already received, for the good gifts of Thy Providence, for the promises of Thy Word, for the means of grace, and the hope of glory.

Do Thou implant in all our hearts Thy holy fear. Assist us by Thy grace to do this day such things as are pleasing to Thee. Strengthen us to overcome any temptations to which during the day we may be exposed. Keep us from giving place to the devil, by cherishing in our hearts any evil thoughts or unchristian tempers.

Preserve us from a worldly mind, O Lord; and by the mighty power of Thy Holy Spirit draw our desires and affections heavenwards. Suffer us not to sink down into a cold and careless indifference about those things which belong to our eternal interests.

Keep us mindful of all that Christ our Saviour did and suffered for our redemption. Help us to make the salvation of our souls our great and chief concern; and to seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness. Deliver us from over-anxiety about earthly things; from a discontented, murmuring, and unthankful spirit.

Strengthen, O Lord, our faith in the promises of Thy Word. Enable us to stay our minds upon Thee. Thou knowest our exceeding weakness, and the numberless dangers which every day surround us. Supply all our need. Beat down every spiritual enemy under our feet. Let Thy

Word be our guide, and Thy Holy Spirit our Sanctifier and Comforter.

If it should please Thee to visit us with affliction, make it to work for our real and eternal good; and give us a patient and submissive spirit under Thy fatherly chastisement. The state, and circumstances, and character of each of us are known to Thee. O God, suit Thy mercy to our need. Comfort the sorrowful; enlighten the ignorant; confirm the wavering; awaken the careless. Be Thou our defender through all the trials of life, our hope in death, and our portion throughout eternity.

Be pleased, O Lord, to bless all those who are near and dear to us. Lead all whom we love into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Bless this parish and neighbourhood. Assist those who labour here for the good of their fellow-creatures; and grant that true godliness may increase and abound among us. Help us to shine

as lights in the world, and to commend the religion which we profess by the meekness and gentleness of our conduct, and by the holiness of our lives. Make us happy in our own souls, and useful to all around us.

These mercies we ask for ourselves and others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

we beseech Thee; and whilst we confess our sins, give us grace to hate them, and strength to fight against them.

Grant us, O God, an increasing meetness for our heavenly inheritance. Enable us to walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Thou hast bidden us to make prayers and supplications for others. We pray therefore for our Queen, that under her we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Make peace in all our borders, and grant that true religion may flourish in our land.

And now, O Lord, be about our bed through the hours of darkness. Keep our bodies in safety, and our minds in peace. Let our last thoughts, ere we sleep, be of Thee; and let our first desires, when we wake, be towards Thee. Make us to feel that both by day and by night

Thou art our ever-watchful Guardian. And do Thou pardon, guide, and bless us, henceforth and for ever, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us: the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

HEAR our cry, O God; attend unto our prayer. Encouraged by Thy manifold mercies, and by the exceeding great and precious promises of Thy Word, we draw near as a family to Thy throne of grace. Be pleased by Thy Holy Spirit so to influence the heart of each one before Thee, that the prayers which we now offer up in the Saviour's name may be acceptable in Thy sight.

Our voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will we direct our prayer unto Thee, and will look up. O lead us this day in Thy righteousness; make Thy way straight before our face. Grant that we may perceive and know what things we ought to do; and whatever we do, may we do

it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto man.

O Lord, we confess that our hearts are deceitful above all things. Knowing this, may we continually feel our need of Thy sanctifying grace. Keep us from pride, self-will, and presumption. Plant in our hearts Thy holy fear; and may we show such meekness, and gentleness, and humility, as become the true followers of Christ.

Whilst we are this day diligent in our various employments, give us grace at the same time to be earnest in serving Thee. May the constant recollection of Thy manifold and great mercies incline us to present our souls and bodies a living sacrifice unto Thee. May we not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may know and do Thy holy will.

O God, our souls cleave unto the dust; quicken us, we beseech Thee, according to

Thy Word. Suffer us not to be so much occupied with earthly things as to forget the one thing needful. Lord, root out all our unbelief, and enable us to walk more by faith, and less by sight, than we have hitherto done; enable us to look more at things unseen, and to endure as seeing Thee who art invisible.

We need, O Heavenly Father, the continual help of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may love Thy Word more and understand it better, that we may take more delight in prayer, and be more and more influenced by the love of Christ our Saviour. O supply this our need. Give us that which we so much want, and which Thou hast so graciously promised —give us Thy Holy Spirit, to be the Guide of our lives, and the Comfort of our souls. O Lord, where we are wrong, do Thou correct us. If we have stepped aside from the right path, do Thou lead us

back. Make us day by day, we beseech Thee, more and more heavenly minded.

Lord, accept our praises for Thy many and great mercies, and graciously answer our prayers, which we humbly offer up in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Evening.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look favourably upon us, we beseech Thee, whilst in His name we kneel before Thee. We come to Thee confessing our sins, acknowledging Thy goodness and loving-kindness, and imploring afresh Thy gracious protection and favour.

We praise and bless Thee, O our God, for the many mercies of another day. Grant that all Thy goodness may draw our hearts closer to Thyself. Make us more anxious to serve and please Thee. Pardon our past ingratitude and unprofitableness, our wasted time and neglected talents. We mourn over the weakness of our faith, and the coldness and feebleness of our love. May Thy

Holy Spirit take of the things of Christ and reveal them unto us, showing us the exceeding greatness of His love; and thus may our hearts be softened and melted into a deeper and more fervent love to Him. And as Christ pleased not Himself, so, O Lord, enable us by Thy grace to deny ourselves, and take up our cross, and follow Him.

Thou knowest, O Heavenly Father, that we are greatly hindered in running our heavenly race. Our enemies are strong and subtle; our own strength is utter weakness; and our hearts are deceitful above all things. Send us help from above. Clothe us with Thy whole armour. Make us strong in Thee, and in the power of Thy might. And if at any time, through our weakness and frailty, we should fall into sin, do Thou restore our souls; bring us back to Thy paths; and let us neither be swallowed up by overmuch sorrow,

nor hardened into indifference by the deceitfulness of sin.

Lord, we humbly seek Thy blessing on behalf of all whom we love. We pray Thee to lead them in Thy way. Let Thy good Spirit enlighten and sanctify them, bring them to the knowledge of the Saviour, and build them up in their most holy faith. May we, and all dear to us, be united to each other and to Thee in bonds which shall never be broken.

We are once more about to lie down to rest. Watch over us through the hours of darkness. Refresh us with peaceful sleep, and keep our minds free from anxious care and murmuring thoughts. O Thou keeper of Israel, who never slumberest nor sleepest, preserve our bodies and souls in safety. And when we lie down in the last sleep of death, may we have the presence of our good Shepherd with us, and when He appears wake up in His

glorious likeness. Grant unto us now, and whenever we pray to Thee, an answer of mercy and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Saturday Morning.

O GRACIOUS GOD, look down in mercy and loving-kindness upon us Thine unworthy servants, who now, in the name of Jesus Christ, approach Thy mercy-seat.

We come to ask Thee for Thy blessing, and to thank Thee for Thy kindness. Day unto day uttereth speech; and the speech of every day is that Thou art good, and kind, and gracious. Lord, fill our hearts with gratitude; and be graciously pleased to accept our imperfect prayers and thanksgivings.

We are entering upon the duties of another day. Give us the grace and wisdom that we need. Cause us to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in Thee do we trust: cause us to know the way wherein we should walk, for we

lift up our souls unto Thee. Thou hast appointed unto us our several duties: O may we faithfully fulfil them as Thy servants. Keep us from being over-anxious about the favour of our fellow-creatures; may it rather be our study to show ourselves approved unto Thee. Deliver us from that fear of man which bringeth a snare; from all deceitfulness and guile; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy.

O Lord, sanctify us, we pray Thee, in body, soul, and spirit. Make us truly and entirely Thine. May our wills be brought into subjection to Thy will, and may we walk humbly with Thee all the day long.

We may this day be exposed to temptation; O do Thou shield us by Thine almighty power. Suffer us not by any inconsistency of conduct to bring a reproach upon our Christian profession. Grant unto us the blessing of a tender and enlightened conscience. May we see clearly what is dangerous and sinful, and

by Thy grace watch and fight against it. We pray that we may love Thee more, and serve Thee better; that we may find more and more, by happy experience, that Thy ways are ways of pleasantness and paths of peace. We pray that we may have an increasing love for Thy holy Word, and that its truths may be as light to our minds, and as food to our souls.

We ask, O Lord, an especial blessing upon all the ministers of Thy Word. Enable them by Thy grace rightly to discharge their high and holy office. Fill their hearts with light and love. Let Thy Holy Spirit be with them, guiding them into all truth, so that they may come forth in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

O Thou Lord of the harvest, send forth more labourers into Thy harvest. Gather in from all nations a people unto Thyself. Let the heathen be given unto Thy Son

for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession. Have mercy on Thine ancient people Israel; remove their unbelief; and bring them into Thy fold. And now, O Heavenly Father, graciously hear and answer these our supplications, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Saturday Evening.

O GOD, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice, hear our prayer, and receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Thou hast brought us in safety to the close of another day and another week. Heavenly Father, what mercies have we throughout this week received daily at Thy hand! How graciously hast Thou watched over us; how bountifully hast Thou supplied our wants; from how many unseen evils and dangers hast Thou preserved us! We thank Thee also that each day Thou hast spoken unto us by Thy Word; and that we have had the privilege of approaching Thee at all times in prayer.

Lord, we acknowledge that we have made most unworthy returns for all Thy

many mercies. Pardon, for Christ's sake, our numberless sins and shortcomings during the week that is past. We have left undone many things which we ought to have done, and we have done much for which our own consciences condemn us. Enter not into judgment with us, O Lord. Deal not with us according to our merits, but according to Thy tender mercies in Christ Jesus our Redeemer.

Do Thou, Lord, quicken our souls, and revive Thy work in us. Thou knowest how ready we are to become careless and slothful in the great things which concern our eternal welfare. Grant us, O Lord, Thy quickening grace. May Thy Holy Spirit keep ever fresh in our minds the recollection of all that Christ hath done for us, that we may be constrained by His love to yield ourselves a willing sacrifice to Him.

And now, O Lord, prepare us for the rest of Thine own holy Sabbath day. When for a little season we lay aside the

toils of the week, may we also lay aside its cares and anxieties. Let nothing disturb and distract us while we wait upon Thee. May we be in the Spirit on the Lord's day. Cause us to hunger and thirst after righteousness. Fill us with devout and earnest longings to see Thy power and Thy glory in the sanctuary. May we, as new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that we may grow thereby.

Strengthen, O Lord, Thy ministering servants for Thy holy work. Supply them with all that is needful to make them faithful and effectual ambassadors for Thee; and bless them in the message they shall deliver. Let those who labour in heathen lands enjoy Thy special blessing. Uphold them in all difficulties and dangers; strengthen their hands; cheer their hearts; and let them see some precious fruits of all their toil.

Keep us through this night in safety. Refresh us with peaceful rest, so that in

body and spirit we may be prepared for the services of Thine own day. And grant, O Lord, that as days and weeks pass away, and bring us continually nearer to eternity, we may be made daily more meet for the inheritance of the saints of light. Hear these our supplications, we pray Thee, for the Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SECOND WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast set apart one day in seven for the special good of our souls, enable us to keep this day holy. Thou hast bidden us to rest from our worldly labours and employments; do Thou also shut the world out of our hearts, and take full possession of them Thyself.

We confess, O Lord, that we have not rightly improved our past Sabbaths. Pardon us for our abuse of these holy seasons. Make this day, we beseech Thee, more profitable to us than any that we have yet spent. Give us Sabbath feelings and a Sabbath blessing.

O Lord, enable us to bear in mind that this is Thine own day. Prepare us especially for Thy house. Make us to feel that a day in Thy courts is better than a

thousand spent elsewhere; and that Thy house is indeed the house of God and the gate of heaven. Give us, when there, the enjoyment of Thy presence. Keep us from wandering and worldly thoughts; and grant that we may approach Thee in a devout and holy frame. Enable us to draw near to Thee this day as Thy forgiven and accepted children. Let there be no cloud of guilt to hide Thee from us and to hinder our communion with Thee.

Lord, we cannot pray to Thee aright without the help of Thy Holy Spirit. May He rest upon us abundantly, teaching us both what to ask, and how to ask it. And when Thy Gospel is preached, give us the hearing ear and the understanding heart; and enable us to receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save our souls.

Bless, gracious God, the Church to which we belong; make it the instrument in Thy hands of leading many to heaven. Be with Thy servants the bishops and

pastors of Thy flock. Raise up faithful and earnest men for the work of the ministry. Do Thou Thyself teach them, that they may teach others. Especially be with the minister of this parish, who is set over us in the Lord. Strengthen him for his work. Enable him rightly to divide the Word of truth, giving to each of us our portion as we need it. And wherever Thy Gospel is preached to-day, whether at home or abroad, grant that its influence may be felt, and that thousands may be turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. Call many wanderers, Lord, into Thy fold this day; soften many hard hearts; and speak peace to Thy people.

O Holy Spirit, let Thy grace descend upon us in larger measure. Let Thy power be felt among us, awakening those who are asleep, leading us all to greater earnestness, and making us more holy in our lives.

Grant, Lord, that a special blessing may rest upon our Sunday schools, and all

who are called to teach in them. Be with each one of our fellow-worshippers. Help them, and us, and all who are dear to us, this day, on our way to heaven.

Hear these our prayers, we beseech Thee, and grant our requests, through the intercession of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us: the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, we desire to close this holy day by once more drawing near to Thee in prayer. We bring to Thee all the sins and failings of another Sabbath; and we beseech Thee of Thy great mercy to pardon them. O Lord, when we look back on our best days, and our holiest employments, we see that sin has defiled them; and we have need to come to the Saviour's cross with the publican's cry on our lips, 'God be merciful to me, a sinner!' Forgive, Lord, for Christ's sake, all our sins, and especially those which we have committed on our knees. What coldness has there been in our prayers! What wanderings of thought! What deadness and unbelief in our souls! O Saviour, do Thou graciously cleanse us from all our secret faults.

But, O Lord, while we have reason to

be humbled for all that has been amiss, we have also reason to be grateful for our many mercies. We praise Thee that Thy Word has been set before us; that the way of life has been pointed out to us; that we have again heard of a Saviour's love. Blessed be Thy name, if Christ has seemed in any degree more precious to us, and heaven more welcome. Blessed be Thy name, if our faith has been this day strengthened, our hearts warmed, and our hopes confirmed.

O God, we are living in the midst of a sinful world; help us to avoid its snares, and to live a heavenly life here on earth. Oh, that we may know more of Thee, and love Thee with a more perfect love! Quicken us in Thy way, and enable us to run with increased earnestness the race that is set before us. Our time is short: grant, Lord, that we may spend it as those who feel that they must one day give an account.

O Thou great Shepherd of the sheep, bless all those who have been called this

day into Thy fold. Draw them by Thy love yet closer to Thyself. Make them to hear Thy voice and to follow Thee. Bless the lambs of Thy flock (and especially the beloved ones of this family); feed them with the nourishment of Thine own Word, and take them under Thy sheltering care.

Pardon those who have been wilfully absent from Thy worship this day. Show them their exceeding sinfulness, and change their hearts by the power of Thy grace.

Visit with compassion those who are sick and afflicted. Draw near to them in their hour of trial; give them the comfort of Thy presence; and pour largely of Thy Holy Spirit upon them.

Blessed Lord, we confess with shame that we have brought too much of the week with us into Thy Sabbath; grant that we may carry much of the Sabbath into the coming week. And give us grace that we may so spend each day, as we shall wish to have spent it when our term of life is ended.

And now, O gracious God, we commend

ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us, to Thy special care and protection for the coming night. Watch over us, we beseech Thee, during the hours of darkness; give Thine angels charge concerning us; and guard us from every evil, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

Monday Morning.

O ALMIGHTY FATHER, look down from heaven upon us Thine unworthy children, and hear us while we draw near to Thee this morning in the Saviour's name. Lord, teach us how to pray. Awaken in us a deep feeling of our many wants, and encourage us to come boldly to Thy throne of grace. And do Thou, O blessed Spirit, intercede for us, helping our infirmities, and giving us earnest and devout hearts.

We desire to thank Thee, O God, for the blessings of the past night. Thou hast kept us safely during the hours of darkness; Thou hast watched over us, when we could not watch over ourselves; and Thou hast brought us in safety to the beginning of another day. As Thou hast been about our bed during the night, be Thou also about our path this day.

We thank Thee for the measure of health which we enjoy, for our family comforts, and for our many spiritual mercies. We bless Thee most of all for giving us a Saviour. O that He may be precious to our souls. May we know Him, and love Him, and serve Him. Make each one now before Thee to be His true and faithful follower.

Lord, we acknowledge that this world has but little in it to make us really happy; but if Thou givest us Thy favour, we shall be happy indeed. O then, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and speak peace to our souls. Give us some token of Thy love, a blessed assurance that Thou numberest us amongst Thy children.

And now, O Lord, as we are entering upon the business and employments of another week, be with us in our going out and coming in. Preserve us in body and in soul. Keep us not only from outward transgressions, but also from inward and

secret sins. May we be watchful over our hearts, and keep the door of our lips. When forbidden thoughts come into our minds, enable us to drive them out. Give us grace to correct our evil tempers. Make us kind and gentle one towards another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as Thou for Christ's sake hast forgiven us.

Let Thy blessing rest upon every member of this our family. Enable us all to do the work allotted to us, with cheerfulness and singleness of heart, desiring in all things to glorify Thee. May each of us bear in mind that we have a Master in heaven, and that for every day as it passes by we must render an account.

Bring to our remembrance, O God, all that we heard yesterday; and enable us to practise, during the week, the holy lessons which were taught us on Thy sacred day. Keep us constantly mindful how short our time is, and that we are drawing day by day nearer to the close of life. Oh that each

day may find us holier; sitting more loosely to this world, and more ready to leave it; growing in grace; more conformed to the image of Christ, and more meet for heaven. And grant that when our days on earth are ended, we may be received into Thy presence, to dwell with Thee for ever, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Evening.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art ever ready to hearken to the cry of the humble, and hast promised to refuse none who come to Thee in the name of Thy dear Son, look upon us in mercy for His sake, and grant our requests. We are now gathered before Thee, under a deep feeling of our own helplessness, and knowing that Thou art able to supply our many wants.

We thank Thee that we have a throne of grace to come to; that Thine ear is ever open to the prayers of Thy children; and that the arms of Thy mercy are stretched out towards us. Lord, we come to Thee as to a Father; give us, we pray Thee, a Father's blessing. Thou knowest how we have, one and all, wandered from Thee. Our sins are great; but great also

is Thy forbearance. O may Thy goodness lead us to repentance. May the love of Christ be shed abroad in our hearts, and constrain us to live no longer to ourselves, but to Thee.

Thou hast now brought us safely to the end of another day. We desire, before we close our eyes in sleep, to thank Thee for all Thy mercies to us. Lord, we deserve not one of Thy blessings. Praised be Thy name for preserving us from dangers both seen and unseen, for giving us health and strength, for spreading our table with plenty, and for all the kindness we receive from those around us. Grant that, whilst we accept these and all Thy gifts, we may not forget Thee, the gracious Giver.

But, O Lord, we praise Thee especially for those gifts which concern the welfare of our souls; for Thy holy Word, for Thy ministers, for Thy house of prayer, for the means of grace which we now enjoy,

and for the hope of future glory. O that we may not receive Thy grace in vain.

Have mercy on those who are deprived of the blessings which we enjoy. Visit with Thy compassion the fatherless and the widow. Comfort all those that mourn. Pity the ignorant, and those that are out of the way. Thou Saviour of the lost, bring home the wanderers to Thy fold. Send forth the light of Thy gospel to those who are sitting in darkness. Enlighten the blinded Jews; and may they now at length acknowledge Jesus as their Redeemer. May Thy command be obeyed, and Thy gospel preached in all the world. Bless those who are gone forth to proclaim Thy truth in distant lands. Cheer and encourage their hearts; strengthen their faith; give them boldness, and wisdom, and love; preserve them from every peril; and crown their labours with success.

And grant, blessed Lord, that we who have the light may walk in the light. Enable us to shine brightly for Thee in

the midst of a dark world. May we not only own Thee with our lips, but may we follow Thee with all our hearts. And do Thou make us now and ever Thine, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us. The Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us; and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

O MOST holy and blessed God, before whom the very angels veil their faces, fill us with awe and reverence as we draw near to Thee. We are unworthy to enter into Thy presence; but Thou invitest us to come. We therefore thankfully approach Thee in the name of Thy dear Son, and beseech Thee to hear us and accept us for His sake.

Father, we have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and are no more worthy to be called Thy children. When we look back on the past, we feel that our transgressions are more in number than the hairs of our head. We have sinned against light and knowledge. We have sinned against the workings of Thy Spirit in our hearts. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. For all this give us a

true and godly sorrow. Make us to feel our sins deeply. May the remembrance of them be grievous to us. O God, we come to Thee for pardon. In Thy great mercy forgive us for Christ's sake. Wash us in His blood. Blot out our transgressions as a thick cloud, and as a cloud our sins.

And not only pardon us, O Lord, for what is past, but cleanse and renew our hearts, and enable us to walk more closely with Thee day by day. Give us Thy Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Purify our souls, and purge us from everything that defiles us. Direct and control our wayward wills. Warm our cold hearts, and fill us with Thy love. Give us more life, and zeal, and earnestness in running our Christian race. Our souls cleave unto the dust; do Thou quicken us by Thy grace. Make us less anxious about the perishing things of this world, and more eager in our pursuit of those things which are eternal. May we redeem the time,

and live as those who desire to spend an eternity with Thee.

Lord, be Thou our protector and shield every moment. Defend us against all accidents. Preserve us in health. Keep us in all our ways. Enable us to serve Thee with a cheerful and hearty obedience. Show us what Thou wouldst have us to do, and grant us grace to do it. May it be our aim to do some good in the world. May we try to make others happy. And above all may we seek to please Thee.

Bless, O heavenly Father, all our friends. Give them outward prosperity, so far as Thou seest it good for them; but especially prosper them in their souls. O number them amongst Thy own beloved children; and may none of them be wanting in that day when Thou makest up Thy jewels. Be with the sick and dying around us. Grant them patience and submission under every trial, and that inward peace which Thou alone canst

bestow. Relieve the distressed. Be the Father of the fatherless, and the God of the widow. Be with us in our going out and coming in. And lead us through this world to the land of everlasting rest, for the sake of Him who hath loved us and redeemed us, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening.

O MOST blessed and gracious God, enable us to draw near to Thee this evening with humble and believing hearts. Thou art the fountain of happiness, and hast no need of our services. But without Thee we are miserable. We are poor, and weak, and helpless; and have need, day by day, and night by night, of Thy Almighty protection. Shelter us this night beneath the covert of Thy wings. Take us into Thy keeping, and we shall be safe.

We bless Thee for having preserved us from numberless accidents, for having sheltered us from dangers both seen and unseen, and for having stood by us in the time of trial. And further we would thank Thee for having not only watched over our bodies, but over our souls also. If we have resisted temptation this day, or have

been kept from sin, to Thy grace we owe it all. O leave us not for one instant to ourselves, or we shall surely fall. Guide us step by step, and uphold our goings in Thy paths.

We thank Thee, gracious God, that Thou hast given us a Saviour. Make us to feel our need of Him. Convince us of our sinfulness by the teaching of Thy Holy Spirit; and may that precious blood which was shed upon the cross cleanse us from all our guilt. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.

O our Father, we beseech Thee not only to pardon our sins, but also to deliver us from the power of them. Teach us to hate sin, even as Thou hatest it. May we be careful not to offend Thee, and anxious to please Thee in all things. May we feel that it is our greatest happiness to know Thee, and our highest privilege to serve Thee. May it be our meat and drink to do Thy will. Make prayer to be our

delight. And whatever may befall us, may we always fly to Thee, and cast all our care upon Thee; for Thou, Lord, carest for us.

Give us a more fervent love for Thy holy Word. Grant that the study of it may be our continual comfort, and the daily nourishment of our souls. Do Thou enlighten us by Thy Holy Spirit, that its truths may be made clear to us, and may come home with power to our hearts. What we see not teach Thou us; so that we may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of Christ.

We desire, O Lord, to pray for others. Do Thou bless our country. Make us to be a Christian people, fearing Thee, and working righteousness. Let Thy favour rest upon our Sovereign. May she rule in the fear of God, and be a blessing to our land. Give wisdom to our Counsellors, and grant that in all they do they may seek Thy honour and glory, and the welfare of this nation.

Hear us, O heavenly Father, we humbly beseech Thee, in these our unworthy prayers, and bless us, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace; the Lord be with us, in our going out and in our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, from this time forth, and for evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Morning.

WE kneel before Thee, O our Father, to thank Thee for having spared us to see the light of another morning, and to meet together as a Christian family. We praise Thee for the measure of health, and peace, and comfort, which we of this household have been permitted to enjoy. Continue these blessings to us, little as we deserve them.

Thou hast graciously watched over us during the hours of darkness; and we now entreat Thee to be with us during this day. We know not what a single day, or a single hour may bring forth; and therefore we commit ourselves, and all that belongs to us, into Thy hands. Since we are living in a world of danger, may we ever be in a watchful spirit. Thou knowest, Lord, all our infirmities; keep

us therefore by Thy grace. Hold Thou us up, and we shall be safe. May we feel that Thou art always near us, and by our very side, to guard and protect us.

Cleanse, O Lord, our hearts from sin, and keep our spirits free from guile. Grant us grace to exercise ourselves to have a conscience void of offence both towards Thee and towards men. Make us more like our blessed Master. May we be holy, harmless, and undefiled, as He was.

Be pleased to guide us in all our doings, and especially in all our difficulties. In the time of trial, good Lord, deliver us. Lead us in the narrow path; and may we never for one moment wander from it. Surrounded as we are by temptations on all sides, be Thou our refuge; and underneath us place Thine everlasting arms.

And what we ask for ourselves, we would ask also for others. May Thy blessing rest upon our country. Guide our Rulers. Teach them to act wisely,

and to seek Thy glory in all they do. And may we be a holy and happy people, loving and fearing Thee.

We commit also to Thy care and keeping all our friends and relatives, our neighbours and acquaintance. May all who are dear to us be dear to Thee. Bless the Church to which we belong, and the ministers of Thy gospel, especially him (or those) who watches over us. Look in mercy upon the poor and afflicted. Relieve the destitute. Be the Father of the fatherless; and make the widow's heart to sing for joy.

Finally, O Lord, bless all of us who are now kneeling before Thee. Bless us as a family; and as Thou knowest our several cases and wants better even than we know them ourselves, suit Thy mercies to the necessities of each of us. Grant, O heavenly Father, that this household may be under Thy gracious care and keeping. Guide us in all our passage through this world, and bring us at last to Thy heavenly

kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

May the Lord direct our hearts this day and for ever in the love of God, and in the patient waiting for Christ. The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, look down upon us from Thy throne in heaven, whilst we draw near to Thee with the voice of prayer and praise. Thou art full of kindness to us Thy unworthy servants. We desire to thank Thee for all Thy mercies to us during the past day. Thanks be unto Thee for having preserved us in our going out and our coming in. When evil was near, Thou didst shield us with Thine arm. Let us never forget that in Thee we live, and move, and have our being; and that to Thee we are indebted for all we have, and for all we hope for.

If Thou art pleased to give us worldly blessings, we thank Thee for them; but if Thou shouldest see fit to withhold them from us, make us content. Thou knowest, Lord, what is really best for us. We

would leave all then in Thy hands, only begging of Thee that whatever Thou givest Thy blessing may be given with it, and that whatever Thou withholdest Thou wilt not take Thy Holy Spirit from us. Be Thou, O Lord, our never-failing portion, and may we seek and find our chief joy in Thee; for Thou art the fountain of life and happiness to Thy creatures.

O heavenly Father, lead us in the path, the strait and narrow path, of eternal life; and let us never turn to the right hand, or to the left. Show us Thy way, and give us grace to walk in it. Enable us to live very close to Thee, to enjoy much of Thy presence, and to feel that Thou art ever with us.

Make us, O God, entirely Thine. May we take Thy Word as our guide, Thy people as our companions, and Thine arm as our support, in our journey through this wilderness. Let no difficulties alarm us, and no temptations lead us aside. Make us willing to bear the cross, and to fight

the good fight of faith. And then, Lord, do Thou at length receive us into those heavenly mansions, where Christ is gone to prepare a place for us. O that not one of this family may be wanting in that day when Thou gatherest Thy people into Thy kingdom.

Whilst we are here make us useful. Point out to each of us the work Thou hast allotted to us. Show us what Thou wouldst have us to do, and give us willing hearts to do it. May it be our desire to serve Thee, and our pleasure to do Thy blessed will. Lord, we have hitherto lived too much to ourselves; help us henceforth to live unto Thee, who hast loved us, and given Thyself for us.

We are now about to lie down and take our rest. Give us, we beseech Thee, refreshing sleep. Watch over us, and our habitation, this night. Let no evil come near us; but raise us up again, if it be Thy will, in health and safety. Make us always mindful that we shall soon sleep

the sleep of death. Whenever that solemn hour arrives, may we be ready to put off our earthly clothing, and to depart and be with Christ for ever.

O Lord, give us all that we have asked, and all that we want, not for our own worthiness, but for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

Thursday Morning.

O THOU GRACIOUS GOD, who hearest and answerest prayer, make us to feel it our delight to draw near to Thee.

Lord, we have much to ask, and Thou hast much to give. We pray to Thee for such worldly blessings as Thou in Thy wisdom seest to be good for us. Give us health, and comfort, and prosperity, if it be Thy good pleasure to bestow them. But most of all, we ask Thee to grant us spiritual blessings. Vouchsafe unto us those richer gifts which concern our souls. Thou hast so loved a guilty world as to send Thy own Son to be our Redeemer. Make us to prize His great salvation. Show us our need of Him; and lead us to His cross as our only hope. Make us to know Christ, and to love Him with all

our hearts. And enable us day by day to serve Him, not grudgingly or of necessity, but heartily and cheerfully.

Thou knowest, Lord, that we are weak; do Thou strengthen us by Thy grace. We are ignorant; may Thy Spirit teach us. We are poor and needy; fill us out of Thy fulness.

We desire, O heavenly Father, to put ourselves under Thy care and keeping this day. Do with us as it seemeth good in Thy sight. If Thou givest us what we desire, make us thankful. Or if not, may we bow with humble submission, and say, Father, not my will, but Thine be done. O Lord, enlighten our understandings more and more, sanctify more entirely our affections, and make us wholly Thine.

We heartily thank Thee for all Thy past dealings with us. Surely goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our lives. Fill our hearts with grati-

tude and our tongues with praise. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, bless His holy name.

We thank Thee especially for the mercies of the past night. Whilst many have had no roof to shelter them, we thank Thee that we have laid ourselves down in comfort and safety. Whilst many have passed a night of pain and suffering, we have been refreshed with sleep. And whilst many are now starving with hunger, we have bread enough and to spare.

O that we may be truly thankful for these and all our other mercies! May we show our thankfulness by living to Thee day by day, and serving Thee with all our hearts.

Lord, bless us as a Christian family. Make us to love Thee, and to walk in Thy ways. Give us grace faithfully to follow Christ, and to be willing to deny ourselves for His sake. May we ever be doing acts of kindness towards one another. Make

us unselfish, forbearing, and forgiving. Keep us from angry tempers and hasty words. May each of us in our several stations seek to glorify Thee. And may we be Christians, not only in name, but in heart and life.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, and accept us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed and only Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening.

O ETERNAL GOD, who dwellest in the highest heavens, and yet humblest Thyself to listen to the prayers of Thy children here on earth, hearken to us who now desire to present our evening supplication unto Thee. May we not only bow the knee, but also humble our souls in Thy presence. May we not only lift up our voice to Thee, but may we also raise our hearts heavenwards.

Pardon, for Christ's sake, all our cold and unworthy prayers; and give us at this time an earnest spirit of devotion. O our Father, hear us; O Saviour, plead for us; O Holy Spirit, solemnize our minds, and teach us how to pray.

Lord, forgive us all that we have done amiss this day. And not only pardon our sinful actions, but also all our sinful words and imaginations. Make us watch-

ful over ourselves, and cleanse Thou the secret thoughts of our hearts. May it be our earnest desire to be holy, even as Thou art holy.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we bear Thy name; make us Christians in heart and in life. May we daily be more and more conformed to Thy likeness. May we, like Thee, be meek, and gentle, and holy, and heavenly-minded. May we give ourselves to Thee, and not be ashamed to follow Thee in the midst of a wicked world.

We thank Thee, O our God, that Thou hast not left us alone in this dark wilderness; but hast promised to be with us; and hast given us Thy word as a lamp to our feet and a light unto our path. Let that word be dearer to us than thousands of gold and silver. Enable us to understand it. Give us Thy Spirit to teach us; and as we read it, do Thou bring home Thine own truth to our souls. Make us doers of Thy Word, and not

readers and hearers only. Ever keep us from that which is evil, and enable us to act in all things according to Thy will.

Thou hast promised, heavenly Father, to give us new hearts, and to put a new spirit within us; graciously fulfil to us that promise. Root out of us everything that offends, and plant within us every Christian grace.

Be with our friends and neighbours. Bless those amongst us who are rich in this world. Give them hearts to feel for their poorer brethren, and to do them good. Look upon the poor and friendless. Make the widow's heart to sing for joy; and in Thee may the fatherless find mercy.

Grant that, as members of the same household, we may live together in peace, bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, as Thou for Christ's sake hast forgiven us. And do Thou, the God of peace, dwell among us, and cheer us with Thy presence. Thou knowest all our

hearts. If any of us are far from Thee, bring us home to Thy fold; if any are in sorrow, comfort us; if any are tempted, mercifully strengthen us. And grant, O God, that we who now live together on earth may dwell together in Thy presence above.

Hearken, O Lord, to this our evening prayer, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

O THOU Giver of every good and perfect gift, from whom cometh every blessing that we enjoy, we desire to spread our wants before Thee this morning. O Thou who hast an ear to hear, give us hearts to pray. We ask Thee to take us under Thy special care this day. Thou sparest us from hour to hour. It is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed. Make us to feel the value of each day as it comes; and may we endeavour to spend it in Thy service, and to Thy glory.

Help us, O Lord, to do our duty in the various stations in which we are placed. As we perform each work which is allotted to us, may we remember that Thine eye is upon us; and may we do it cheerfully for Thy sake. Make us strictly honest in all our dealings, and truthful in all we

say. Give us a kind and forbearing spirit towards all around us. Keep us from all harshness of speech, and from every unchristian temper. Enable us to act in all things as becomes Thy people, and as the followers of a meek and lowly Saviour. Make us contented with the portion which Thy love allots to us. And grant that we may feel that peace, which belongs to those whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

When we are engaged in our worldly employments, may we often hold communion with Thee. May we serve Thee in our various callings, remembering that to Thee we must one day give an account. Keep us from the fear of man. And oh, that we may never be ashamed of Christ, and of His Gospel; but be willing cheerfully to bear all that may be laid upon us, for our Saviour's sake.

Look, gracious God, upon the world we are living in, and have mercy upon all men. Check the progress of sin, and

may true religion flourish and abound among us. Hasten the time when all shall know Thee, from the least to the greatest. Be with Thy ministers, especially those who are gone forth to preach the Gospel to the heathen; make them faithful, and crown their labours with success. Grant, Lord, that Thy light may break forth in every land, and Thy truth be proclaimed from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same.

Have mercy upon our own country. We acknowledge that our blessings are great, far greater than we deserve: oh that we may accept them with thankfulness. We have the Gospel sounding in our ears: give us grace to receive it not in word only, but in power. May we love its precepts, believe its promises, and lay hold of that salvation which it sets before us. Pardon our sins as a nation. Thou hast lifted us up very high; cast us not down, we beseech Thee. Let us not be Christians in name only; but may

we shine as lights in a dark world. Heal our divisions. Pour out upon us a spirit of forbearance and brotherly love. Make us to be a people bringing forth the fruits of righteousness.

Hear these our prayers, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

Friday Evening.

O LORD, who art the Father of mercies, and the God of all grace, we are gathered together in Thy name; be Thou in the midst of us. Do Thou hear our prayers, and answer them, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Teach us daily to feel our entire dependence on Thee. Thou, O God, didst bring us into being; Thou hast preserved us from our earliest days unto this present hour. Thou knowest the wants of each one now before Thee; and to Thee the very secrets of our hearts are all open. Give us largely out of Thy fulness, and supply all our need. Give, Lord, not according to our deservings; but give according to our necessities, and according to Thy grace and goodness in Christ Jesus.

We thank Thee, heavenly Father, for all Thy mercies, for those which concern

our bodies, as well as those which concern our souls. Thou hast graciously supplied us with food to nourish us, clothing to cover us, and friends to care for us. Thou hast granted us plenty, whilst many have been suffering from want; and health, whilst many have been worn by sickness. But, above all, Thou hast given us a Saviour to die for us; and Thou hast prepared a home for us in heaven. For these and all Thy mercies, O give us thankful hearts. Put a new song in our mouths, even thanksgiving unto our God.

We confess, O Lord, with shame, that the trifles of this world too much engross our thoughts. Enable us to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts. May we live as strangers and pilgrims here, looking for our dwelling-place above. Give us a taste for spiritual enjoyments. Make us new creatures in Christ Jesus. Shed abroad Thy love in our hearts. Give us faith to rest our souls on Christ. May His sacrifice on the cross be our only

hope, and His bright example our daily pattern. May we be holy, harmless, and undefiled, as He was; and, like Him, may we ever be doing good.

Enable us, O God, to pass the time of our sojourning here in fear. May our greatest dread be to offend Thee, and our greatest delight to serve Thee. Enable us to live this short life as those whose treasure is above. And do Thou fit us for our great change. If any among us are asleep as regards our souls, do Thou in mercy awaken us. If any of us are almost Christians, incline us to give our hearts altogether to Christ. Breathe, O Lord, into our souls, that we may live before Thee. Give us, O give us, heavenly hopes and heavenly desires. Quicken us by Thy Holy Spirit.

Be with us, gracious Father, this night. Shelter us under Thy wing, and keep us in safety. Grant that all who are now before Thee may be numbered among Thy people. Let there not be one wanting when Thou

makest up Thy jewels; but may we, who now dwell together on earth, meet together at Thy right hand, and sit down together in Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Unto Thy gracious mercy and protection, O Lord, we commit ourselves. O Lord, bless us and keep us. O Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. O Lord, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Saturday Morning.

O ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, we come before Thee this morning under a deep sense of our own unworthiness, and of Thy greatness and love. Day after day we have to confess fresh sins. How many things have we left altogether undone, and how much have we done amiss! Our own hearts condemn us.

Lord, we thank Thee that Thou hast opened a fountain for sin and for uncleanness. Thou hast provided a Saviour for us. We flee to Him; and under the shelter of His cross we desire to hide ourselves. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, take away *our* sins. By Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy cross and passion, do Thou deliver us from all evil. O Lord, may we seek our happiness, not in this world, but in Thee. Be Thou our shield and defender, the strength of our hearts and our portion for ever.

Make sin hateful to us, and create in us a desire after holiness. Take away, O God, the heart of stone, and give us softened hearts to believe in Thee, and to love Thee. Make each one of us to feel that we must give an account of our stewardship, and that for all our talents, our time, and our opportunities, we must answer before Thee.

Help us to look into our own hearts, and try our own ways. Whatever is wrong in us, enable us to see it, and give us grace to correct it. O let us never deceive ourselves, crying peace when there is no peace.

Keep us this day from sin. Control our passions. Subdue our self-will. Root out everything within us that is displeasing to Thee. O Lord, we would walk in that blessed path where Thou hast led the way. Give us grace to follow Thee; and let not any enticement of the world tempt us to turn to the right hand or to the left.

Arm us against our great spiritual enemy. Strengthen us in the hour of temptation. May we never be ashamed of Christ or of His gospel. May we never be turned aside by the fear of man. Lord, we wish to be Thy soldiers and servants. Grant that we may be found faithful. And do Thou at length enable us to gain the victory, and win the heavenly crown.

Look in mercy upon our dear friends. We ask the same blessings for them that we desire for ourselves. Prosper them in all their ways. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon them. Grant them that inward peace, which the world cannot give. Lead them to Christ now, and to heaven hereafter. Bless also our enemies, if we have any; and soften their hearts towards us.

Be with every member of this family, masters and servants, young and old, those who are present and those who are absent. May all who belong to us belong to Thee, and meet hereafter in that world

where sorrow and separation shall be no more.

And now, Lord, receive our prayers, and accept our praises. Pardon us for all that we have asked amiss; and those good things which through our ignorance we have omitted to ask for, do Thou in mercy grant, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us: the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Saturday Evening.

O LORD, we desire to close this day and this week with prayer to Thee. Pardon, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake, the sins which we have committed. They are many and great. Hour after hour our thoughts have dwelt on the things of this world, but how seldom have they been turned towards heaven. We have not been thankful for Thy blessings. We have not been watchful over our own hearts. We have allowed many hidden sins to dwell within us. We have loved this present world too much, and we have loved Thee, O God, too little. We have lived too much as if this was our resting-place and our home.

For these things, and for all that Thou seest amiss in us, Father, forgive us. Let not our sins separate us from Thee.

Accept us in Christ, and for His sake look mercifully upon us. We thank Thee that there is in Him a fulness to meet all our need, a fulness of mercy to pardon us, a fulness of grace to help us. O supply all our need out of that fulness.

Lord, make us holy; for without holiness we can neither be happy here, nor happy hereafter. Show us our besetting sins, and give us strength to overcome them. Enable us to put them away, however dear to us they may be.

Grant that each day, and each week, as it comes round, may find us making progress in our heavenly course. Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, may we be ever pressing towards the mark for the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus. Teach us, O God, to remember that our race will soon be run. O that we may then receive the crown of life, and be admitted into the joy of our Lord!

And now, heavenly Father, we ask Thee to prepare us for the holy day before us. If we are spared to see it, may we awake with solemn thoughts and thankful feelings. May we love Thy day, and feel it to be the best of all the seven. Grant that it may be a day of blessing to us, a day laden with mercies to our souls.

And now, O gracious Father, we entrust ourselves, and all who are dear to us, to Thy almighty care. When our eyes are closed in sleep, be Thou our ever-watchful Guardian. O thou Keeper of Israel, who never slumberest nor sleepest, keep us, we pray Thee, in peace and safety. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. We desire, then, whether waking or sleeping, to put ourselves into Thy hands, fully assured that if Thou art with us, no evil can happen to us. Order all that concerns us; and may we never take a single step without Thy guidance and direction.

Thanks be unto Thee, O God, for all Thine unnumbered mercies. Give us grateful hearts, now, and may we hereafter praise Thee in Thy courts above, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us. The Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us; and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

THIRD WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

O THOU LORD of the Sabbath, graciously hear the prayers which we offer unto Thee on the morning of Thine own day. Thou hast blest this day and hallowed it, and hast commanded us to keep it holy. We thank Thee for so mercifully providing for our bodily and spiritual necessities.

And now, O Lord our God, we humbly ask Thee to make this Sabbath unto us a day of holy rest, of profitable instruction, and of spiritual refreshment. Prepare our hearts to approach Thee in the blessed exercise of prayer and praise.

Lord, our souls cleave unto the dust: we are encompassed with all manner of earthly

cares and anxieties: we need Thy quickening, sanctifying grace. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name. Raise our hopes and affections heavenwards. Strengthen us to throw aside the cares that harass us, and the sins that beset us. Pour into our hearts fervent love towards Thee.

As Thou, O Lord, hast provided the ordinances of Thy sanctuary for the good of our souls, grant that they may be a rich blessing to us this day. Prepare our hearts as good ground to receive the precious seed of Thy holy Word. May we have grace to worship Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Enable us to offer up our prayers with earnestness; to sing Thy praise with thankfulness; and to listen to Thy Word devoutly and attentively.

O blessed Saviour, fulfil to us, we beseech Thee, Thine own promise, that where two or three are gathered together

in Thy name, there Thou wilt be in the midst of them. Be in the midst of us this day. Open our understandings to understand the Scriptures. Make our hearts to rejoice, whilst we wait upon Thee, and whilst we hear the welcome message of Thy love.

Almighty God, prosper this day the labour of Thy ministers. May they declare all Thy counsel. Touch their lips with a live coal from off Thine altar. Cause them deeply to feel the truths which they proclaim, and fervently to love that Saviour of whom they preach.

Bless the young who shall be gathered this day for instruction in our Sunday-schools. Let the seed of Thy truth take root in their hearts; and grant that every teacher may himself be taught of Thee. Through the Word of Thy lips, O Lord, grant that many a child may be kept from the paths of the destroyer.

Be with us, O our God, throughout

the day. Graciously help us so to keep Thy Sabbath on earth, that at the close of it we may be more anxious and better prepared for an eternal Sabbath above. Hear, us we humbly pray Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we draw near to Thee in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour; accept us in mercy for His sake.

We thank Thee for the blessed rest of Thine own day. We thank Thee for the sound of the gospel which we have heard; for the comfort and instruction provided for us in Thy house of prayer. We acknowledge that we are indeed greatly favoured above thousands of our fellow-creatures, and we most humbly thank Thee that whilst many have spent this Sabbath in sorrow, suffering, and sin, we have been permitted to enjoy many rich spiritual privileges. O that we may prize them more highly, and profit more in the use of them. We pray Thee in Thy

mercy to pardon our slowness to learn, and our readiness to forget, the lessons of Thy word. Pardon the weakness of our faith, and the coldness of our desires.

Graft upon our hearts and memories the truths which we have this day heard. Let us not be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord. May we be strengthened and built up in our most holy faith. May we grow in grace, and may the fruits of the Spirit appear and abound in our daily walk and conversation.

O Lord, under a deep and humbling sense of our weakness and sinfulness we implore Thee to give us the gracious influences of Thy Holy Spirit. Though we have too often grieved that blessed Spirit, yet withdraw not from us His renewing and saving grace. May He restore and revive our souls. May He establish, strengthen, settle us. May He guide us

into all truth. May He shed abroad within us abundantly the love of Christ our Saviour.

Water with the dew of Thy heavenly blessing the seed sown by Thy ministers this day. Let not the Evil One prevail to pluck it from those hearts upon which it has fallen. Cause it to take deep and abiding root. Confirm the wavering; comfort the sorrowful; bind up the broken-hearted; give unto them the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

And now, O Lord, may we lie down once more upon our beds with hearts at peace with Thee. We have one Sabbath less to spend on earth. May the thought of our shortening pilgrimage cause us to run with more diligence our heavenly race. May we live as those whose hearts and hopes are in heaven. May Thy statutes be our songs in the house of our pil-

grimage. May Sabbaths on earth, improved and enjoyed, fit us for a better and happier rest above. Hear us, heavenly Father, and give a gracious answer to these our prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us: the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Morning.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, in whom alone we live, and move, and have our being, graciously hearken to our prayers, and accept our praises, for our Redeemer's sake.

Refreshed by the rest and services of the Sabbath, we are now entering upon the employments of another week. May we show by our holy lives that we have not heard Thy word in vain. May we carry into practice the lessons which we learnt yesterday in Thy house of prayer.

O God, preserve us graciously through the day which is now begun. Make us obedient to Thy holy will. Whatsoever our hands find to do that is according to Thy will, may we do it with our might. And may we ever consider it our highest privilege to work for Thee.

O Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, take away *our* sins. Be Thou our shield, and hiding-place. Draw us, O Thou good Shepherd, to Thyself; keep us near Thee; suffer us not to wander; feed us in the green pasture of Thy word. Let Thy rod and staff guide, comfort, and support us. Make us to feel continually that we are Thine, bought with the price of Thine own most precious blood. Help us to glorify Thee in our bodies and in our spirits, which are Thine.

Since Thou hast united us together in one family, make us, O Lord, kind and gentle and forbearing one towards another. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-speaking, be put away from us, with all malice. May we be the humble-minded followers of a meek and lowly Saviour.

Grant that Thy Holy Scriptures may be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto

our paths. Order our steps in Thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over us. Through Thy precepts may we get understanding, and hate every false way.

O Lord, our eyes are upon Thee, and our expectation from Thee. From Thee cometh down every good and perfect gift. Give us, we beseech Thee, wisdom and strength; give us joy, and peace, and comfort. Give us a hope that maketh not ashamed. Thou who hast not spared Thine own Son, but hast delivered Him up for us all, give us for His sake all things that are good for us, both for time and for eternity.

Whilst thus we ask Thy blessings for the time to come, we desire to praise Thee also for those which we have already received. We thank Thee for daily strength and nightly rest; for powers of mind and body; for peace and quietness; for the many temporal gifts which Thou daily bestowest upon us. And we thank

Thee yet more for Thy Word, Thy house of prayer, Thy ministers, and above all, for that Saviour whom they proclaim to us. O Lord, make us increasingly thankful for all Thy loving-kindness; and do Thou accept our prayers and praises for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Unto Him who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, be honour and glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Monday Evening.

O MOST high and holy God, we Thine unworthy and sinful creatures come before Thee this evening, humbly asking Thee to accept our thanks for the many mercies we have received at Thy hands.

We thank Thee that Thou hast taken care of us during the past day; that in our going out and coming in Thou hast most graciously preserved us; that Thou hast given us temporal blessings freely to enjoy, and hast placed the richest spiritual gifts within our reach. But we acknowledge how cold and thankless are our hearts, and how backward we are to praise and glorify Thee.

O Lord, forgive, we beseech Thee, the sins of another day. Forgive our vain and foolish thoughts; our idle and unprofitable words; our unkind and hasty tem-

pers; our wasted time, and misused talents. Lord, Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance. Yet do Thou of Thine infinite mercy pardon us for Christ's sake; blot out all our transgressions; cleanse and heal our souls; and graciously receive us as Thy forgiven and accepted children.

We pray Thee, O heavenly Father, to plant Thy fear and Thy love in all our hearts. Teach us to remember that Thou art ever near us; and draw us closer to Thyself. Make us consistent followers of our blessed Lord and Master. Give us a spirit of watchfulness and prayer. Make us gentle, lowly, and forbearing.

O God the Holy Spirit, fix Thy dwelling-place in our hearts; make us Thy living temples. Suffer us not to grieve Thee: withhold not Thy heavenly light and comfort from us: seal us unto the day of redemption. Thou art the Source and Giver of holy peace and joy. O reveal the

love of Christ our Saviour more and more clearly to us, and cause us to rejoice in Him. Make us to feel that in Him alone is all our righteousness and strength.

We humbly beseech Thee, most gracious God, to bless this our family. May each member of it be a member of the true family of Christ. May our daily prayers and praises be accepted of Thee; and may all, who are now met around Thy mercy-seat, meet hereafter around Thy throne above.

We would entreat Thy blessing on behalf of all whom we love. If any of them are still far from Thee, do Thou in Thy great mercy change their hearts, and fetch them home to Thy fold.

Look favourably upon our land. Prosper us as a nation. Let true religion flourish amongst us. Let Thy Word have free course, and be glorified in the midst of us. And from us may the Gospel go forth into other lands, so that all the ends

of the earth may acknowledge that Jesus is their Lord and Saviour.

Accept, O God, these our imperfect supplications, and do for us far above our desires and our deservings. Guide us evermore with Thy counsel, and afterwards receive us to Thy glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Thou hast in Thy great mercy spared us once more to approach Thy throne of grace. Give us now, we pray Thee, humble and believing hearts, and enable us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

Thou hast promised, O Lord, that whatever we ask in the name of Thy blessed Son, believing, we shall receive. Hear us, for His sake, whilst we call upon Thee; and let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight.

O God, we do not deserve any blessing at Thy hands. Our hearts are deceitful and our best actions are mixed with sin. We have much to hinder us on our way to heaven. Give us the victory over all

our enemies. Set us free from all that ensnares us, and grant that we may run the way of Thy commandments with increased earnestness.

O God, so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Give us a right judgment in all things. Help us to examine ourselves closely; and strengthen us to correct whatever we ourselves feel to be wrong in our daily life.

We would cast our burden of sin upon Thee, O gracious Saviour. Thou hast suffered much for us; Thou knowest our infirmities; Thou rememberest that we are but sinful dust and ashes. We are vile, and weak, and wandering; do Thou, Lord, cleanse us, strengthen us, keep us near Thee, fix our hearts upon Thee, and prepare us to live with Thee for ever. May all of us now kneeling before Thee be found at Thy glorious appearing, washed in Thy precious blood, clothed in

the robe of Thy perfect righteousness, sanctified by Thy Holy Spirit; and so made altogether meet for Thy heavenly kingdom.

For all Thy goodness to us, O Lord, we desire humbly and heartily to thank Thee. It is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed, and because Thy compassions fail not. Every returning day brings to us fresh tokens of Thy care and bounty. Oh, that our hearts may be deeply thankful, and that we may praise Thee with joyful lips.

Bless all our dear friends and relatives. Teach them the happiness of Thy service; may they find by experience that Thy ways are ways of pleasantness, and all Thy paths are peace. We beseech Thee, O God, to pour down Thy rich blessing on our Country and our Queen. May we be a nation fearing Thee, and working righteousness.

Prosper all our efforts made for the

conversion of the heathen. Grant unto Thy missionary servants strength to labour, and success in labouring; and gather from all lands, both from among Jews and Gentiles, a people who shall love, serve, and obey Thee. Hear, O Lord, and answer these our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening.

O THOU great and glorious God, at the close of another day we come with the voice of prayer and praise into Thy presence. Thou hast kept us from evil and danger through the day that is past. Be near us, and watch over us, through the darkness of night. May Thine angels encamp around us, and Thy Holy Spirit Himself keep and sanctify our souls.

We implore Thy forgiveness, O Lord, for all the sins of another day. We have too often forgotten Thee. We have sinned in word and deed. Pride has too often filled our hearts. We have lived too much for ourselves. The things of this world have too much occupied our thoughts. Forgive us, most merciful Father, for Christ's sake. Pardon our iniquities, for they are great.

Create in us, we beseech Thee, a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Give us a tender and enlightened conscience. O guard and guide, sustain and bless us. May we live so near to Thee, that we may not fear to depart when our change shall come. And when we awake from the sleep of death, may we rise to glory, honour, and immortality.

Grant, O God, we pray Thee, that we may find joy and peace in believing. Scatter all clouds of doubt, and darkness, and ignorance. Cause Thy face to shine upon us. In the multitude of the thoughts which we have in our hearts, may Thy comfort refresh our souls. If we should this night lie wakeful upon our beds, may our minds be lifted up to Thee. May thoughts of Thee and of heavenly things thrust out thoughts of vanity and sin. The darkness is no darkness, O Lord, with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. Make us ever to feel that all things are

naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do; and may the thought of Thine all-seeing eye restrain us in the hour of temptation.

When we read Thy holy Word, grant us, O Lord, a teachable spirit, a wise and understanding heart. Speak to us through its sacred pages. Make it effectual for our edification, instruction, and comfort. May we receive in humble faith its holy precepts and precious promises: and may our daily walk and conversation show that we are indeed taught of Thee.

We ask Thy blessing upon all whom we love, and all our friends and neighbours. Bless them abundantly, and supply all their need out of the riches of Thy grace.

Look in pity upon those who are living in heathen lands; and hasten the time, O Lord, when all shall know Thee from the least to the greatest. Prosper the labours of all Societies which are seeking the conversion of the heathen. Grant that by

their means many sinners may be converted and souls saved.

Hear, O Lord, in mercy these our prayers, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Wednesday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, of whose goodness and loving-kindness it is that we are once more permitted as a family to kneel before Thee, let our prayers and praises be accepted by Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Thy hands have made us and fashioned us; give us understanding that we may learn Thy commandments. By Thy wisdom we have been fearfully and wonderfully made; by Thine ever-watchful providence we have been preserved up to this moment. O give us Thy grace, that the lives which Thou hast bestowed and prolonged may be dedicated to Thy service. Forbid it, Lord, that we should live only to forget and dishonour Thee. May it rather be our desire to please and glorify

Thee at all times. Thou knowest our helplessness and our sinfulness; Thou knowest that we can neither think nor do any good thing without Thee. Leave us not therefore to ourselves. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Perfect Thy strength in our weakness. Put into our minds good desires, and by Thy continued help enable us to bring them to good effect.

We ask Thy grace and guidance, O Lord, for the duties of another day. Thou hast appointed unto us our several stations; Thou hast placed us where we are. Give us cheerful and contented minds, and keep us from every faithless, murmuring thought. Deliver us from the spirit of sloth and self-indulgence. Make us ready for every good word and work.

Suffer us not to forget all that Thou hast done for our souls. Keep us mindful of the great work of redemption which

Wednesday Evening.

O LORD GOD of our salvation, give ear unto our prayer; and so assist us in our approach to Thy mercy-seat, that we may draw near to Thee with earnest and believing hearts.

Through another day we have been most graciously preserved by Thy care and blessed by Thy bounty. We desire as a family to offer to Thee our praises and thanksgivings for family mercies. May all Thy great goodness draw our hearts towards Thee.

Keep us mindful, O Lord, that this is not our rest. Give us grace to live as those who feel that they are only sojourners here, and who are seeking a better home above. As strangers and pilgrims may we abstain from those fleshly lusts which war against the soul.

We thank Thee for the many means which Thou hast provided for the promotion of our growth in grace and knowledge. Bless those means, we beseech Thee, to the good of our souls. Make Thy holy Word to be our nourishment, our guide, and the great source of our comfort. May it ever be as a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. O Lord, Thou only art the fountain of light, and wisdom, and truth; open then our hearts to receive Thy Word, and thus lead us onward on our way to heaven.

When we look back upon the day past we see much to lament before Thee. O pardon our many sins and shortcomings. Cleanse Thou us from secret faults. Keep us back from presumptuous sins. Help us, O Lord, to serve Thee better, and to love Thee more heartily. Sanctify us wholly, body, soul, and spirit. Let us not be conformed to this world, but trans-

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Morning.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who of Thy tender love towards us didst send Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to be our Advocate, hear us for His sake, and grant us the mercies which we need for another day.

Thou hast promised that all things which we shall ask in the Saviour's name, believing, we shall receive. O that we may more entirely trust Thy promises.

Mercifully bestow upon us, O Heavenly Father, that Holy Spirit which Thou hast promised to give to them that ask Thee. Remove the scales from our eyes. Take away our ignorance, our hardness and coldness of heart, and our too great love of this present world. Enlighten our understandings: give unto us the spirit of

wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ. May we know Him as our all-sufficient Saviour. May we enter more and more into the riches of His redeeming love.

Lord, we confess with sorrow that we have been but as barren fig-trees in Thy vineyard. Thou hast indeed done much for us; and we have great cause for shame, that we have made such poor returns for all the care and culture which Thou hast bestowed upon us. Thou hast looked for fruit, and hast too often found none. O spare us yet a little longer: water us with the dew of Thy heavenly blessing, and make us fruitful in every good work. Grant that, being set free from sin, and made servants to God, we may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

We have been spared to begin another day. We thank Thee for all Thy good-

ness, and Thy care. Thou spreadest our table with plenty; Thou givest us life, and breath, and all things. O Lord, our souls and all that is within us would bless and praise Thy holy name.

And now we pray Thee to strengthen us for the work which lies before us. Enable us this day to keep eternity in view. Help us to live as those who feel that they must render up their account to Thee. Teach us to set our affections on things above; and do Thou raise our hearts and hopes heavenward.

O most merciful Saviour, our compassionate High Priest, pity all our infirmities; heal our souls' sicknesses; give us the joy of Thy salvation, and a hope full of immortality. Strengthen us to live and labour for Thee, to fight under Thy banner, and to tread in Thy footsteps here below. Give us grace always to act as Thy true servants, and to do everything

to Thy glory. May each one of us be able to say, from our very hearts, 'To me to live is Christ.' And at length take us to rest with Thee above, for Thine own name and mercy's sake; unto whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us all now and evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening.

O LORD our God, we come before Thee this evening, trusting only in the name of Christ our Saviour. Though Thou art high and holy, yet dost Thou humble Thyself to behold the dwellers upon earth, and dost hearken to the cry of Thy needy creatures, for Thy dear Son's sake. Hear us then, O our Father; pity, pardon, and bless us.

We thank Thee for keeping us this day from all the dangers which surround us. We thank Thee for health and strength, and every earthly comfort and blessing. But we praise Thee yet more for the measure of grace which Thou hast given to us, for Thy holy Word, and for the way of salvation which it points out. Teach us to devote all that we have, and all that we are, to Thy service. May our

talents be consecrated to Thy glory. May we walk as children of the light; and may our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

Most merciful God, pardon, we pray Thee, the sins of another day. We are guilty, but Thou art good. Forgive our pride and selfishness, our forgetfulness of Thee and of heavenly things. Our hope is only in Thy mercy. We look to the atoning blood of Christ alone for acceptance with Thee. We beseech Thee to heal, cleanse, and sanctify us, for our Redeemer's sake.

We pray Thee, O God, to bless us as a family. It has been Thy will that we should live together; Thou hast bound us closely one to another. In Thy great mercy grant that all who dwell under this roof may belong to the family of Christ. Put holy desires and affections into all our hearts. May we all walk in

that strait and narrow way, which leads to everlasting life. And grant that brotherly love may continue in this household. May we help, and not hinder, one another in the way to heaven.

We implore Thy blessing upon all who are in any way connected with us; especially those who are in any trouble and sorrow. Comfort those who mourn. Enlighten and sanctify any who are yet far from Thee, and who are ignorant of Thy great salvation.

Bless, O Lord, our Parish; and prosper all that is done in it for the good of souls.

Bless also, we beseech Thee, all Societies formed for the spread of Thy Gospel. Give wisdom to those who manage them, and grace and zeal to all whom they employ. May their labours be crowned with success; and may they be the instruments in Thy hands of leading many to the knowledge of the Saviour. And hasten the time, we entreat Thee, when all

shall know Thee from the least to the greatest.

And now, most gracious Father, we pray Thee to watch over us and protect us through this night. Let Thy love cheer us, and Thy Holy Spirit comfort us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediafor and Advocate. *Amen.*

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The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

O GOD, our Father, look down upon us this morning in mercy and love. Our cup runneth over with blessings. We pray Thee to fill our hearts with thankfulness, and our mouths with praise.

We desire now to approach Thee with humility. We know not how to praise Thee, or to pray to Thee, as we ought. Teach us to come before Thee aright. Prepare our hearts; draw us to Thyself; enable us to hold communion with Thee as our Father, and with Thy Son Jesus Christ.

O Thou holy Lamb of God, wash out our sins. Grant that we may feel deeply Thy love in dying for us. We are lost in ourselves; but Thou art able and willing to pardon and restore us. Most

gracious Saviour, say to each of us, when we cry to Thee to cleanse us, 'I will; be thou clean;' say unto each of us, 'Thy sins be forgiven thee; go in peace.'

O Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, take, we beseech Thee, more full possession of our hearts. Guide and comfort us; and never leave us nor forsake us, until we are for ever beyond the reach of Satan, sin, and death.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to bless us during the day now begun. Teach us to live as true disciples of Christ, desiring to do His will, and to follow His example in all things. May Thy Word be our guide and counsellor. May we be in Thy fear all the day long. May we have grace to deny ourselves, and to take up our cross, and follow our blessed Master. Suffer us not by any carelessness of conduct to bring a reproach upon our Christian profession. Give us grace to bridle our

tongues, to fight against the risings of sinful passions, and to keep careful watch over our thoughts and affections. We are in an evil world, O keep us unspotted by it. May we be blest, and made a blessing. May we do good, as we have opportunity, and be useful to all around us.

We beseech Thee, O God, to look favourably upon our Country and our Queen. Guide her counsellors, and give her senators wisdom. Grant to all whom Thou hast set over us grace to lead a godly and a Christian life. Make us to be a happy people, fearing and loving Thee.

Have compassion, Lord, upon the heathen. Send forth the light of Thy Gospel into the dark places of the earth. Gather in Thine ancient people Israel. Grant that the veil may at length be taken away from them, so that they may acknowledge Jesus of Nazareth as their Messiah and their King.

Hear these our supplications, most merciful Father, and graciously answer us, for the sake of our only Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Evening.

ALMIGHTY GOD, from whom all good things do come, we thank and praise Thee for the mercies of the past day. Make our hearts so deeply thankful for our many blessings, that we may be ready to devote ourselves afresh, body, soul, and spirit, to Thy service.

We entreat thee, O Lord, to pardon all our sins, and to cast them behind Thy back for ever. They hang over us as a thick cloud; but do Thou, O Lord, blot them out. May the Sun of righteousness rise upon us with healing in His wings, and remove every sin and every doubt. Heal all our backslidings. Receive us graciously, and love us freely.

Look down, O God, in mercy upon this family. Bless each individual member of it. May we all bear in mind that we have

a Master in heaven. Teach us to fear Thee. Graft in our hearts the love of Thy name. Constrain us to yield our whole souls to Thee. O remove everything that hinders us from Thy blessed service; and enable us, whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, to do all to Thy glory. Grant that we may not be too much taken up with the things of this world; but may our hearts be set on things above. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us.

Give unto us, O God, more of the mind which was in Christ Jesus. May we esteem others better than ourselves. Teach us to pity and to help, as Thou shalt enable us, all who are in want and sorrow. Make us anxious to do good to the souls and bodies of our fellow-men. May we show that we are Christians, not in name only, but in deed and truth; and by our holy and blameless lives may

we adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Almighty Father, pour out upon us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be sanctified in heart and life, and fitted to serve Thee here, and to dwell with Thee above. May we be temples of the Holy Ghost, and be sealed by Him unto the day of redemption. May His gracious teaching enlighten us, and His holy comfort cheer and refresh our souls. May no cherished sin grieve that blessed Spirit, or quench the flame of love which He would kindle within us.

Bless, O Lord, our Queen, and our Country. Root out from the midst of us all that offends Thee. Make us a nation fearing Thee, and working righteousness. Be gracious to all who are dear to us, and guide their feet into the way of peace. Bring nigh any who may be yet far from Thee; and confirm and strengthen those who know and love Thee.

Hear, O Lord, we beseech Thee, these our imperfect supplications. Pardon for Thy mercy's sake, all our iniquities, and especially the sins which cleave even to our prayers; and do for us exceeding abundantly, above all that we can ask or think, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Saturday Morning.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast graciously opened or us sinners a way by which we may approach Thee with acceptance, even through the merits and mediation of Christ our Saviour; receive for His sake, we humbly beseech Thee, our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise.

We thank Thee for all Thine unnumbered gifts and mercies; but, above all, for Thy great love in sending Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners. O Lord, give us grace to live as Thy people; as those who know that they have been redeemed with the precious blood of the Lamb of God; as those who have been quickened from the death of sin, and raised to a life of righteousness. Help us to

walk before Thee in newness of life, and to seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at Thy right hand.

We ask, O Lord our God, for needful grace and guidance, to fit us for the duties, and to carry us through the trials, of another day. Keep us from sin. Let nothing separate between us and Thee, or cause Thee to hide Thy face from us. Deliver us from over-carefulness about earthly things; and enable us to seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, trusting that all things needful for this life shall be added unto us.

May we look forward with joy to the holy rest of Thine own day, which is drawing near; and so order our worldly concerns that we may serve Thee without distraction on Thine own day. Let Thy Sabbath be precious to us, as the day on which Jesus rose from the dead, and led captivity captive. May we ever value its

sacred ordinances, and find them profitable to our souls.

We pray Thee to grant an especial blessing this day to all Thy Ministers. By Thy Holy Spirit guide them into all truth. Fill their understandings with light and heavenly wisdom. Fill their hearts with zeal and love. O Thou Chief Shepherd of the flock, fit Thy servants for their high and holy work; and teach them how to feed Thy people in the green pastures of Thy Word. Grant that many souls may be given to them for their reward.

We commit ourselves, O Lord, and all that concerns us, to Thy gracious care. Direct our steps this day, and keep us steadfast in Thy faith and fear. Make all the dealings of Thy providence to work for our good. If Thou shouldest appoint trials and afflictions for us, make us patient and submissive to Thy holy will.

If we enjoy comfort and prosperity, make us humble and thankful. Lead us safely through this world of sin, and bring us at last to Thy heavenly kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us: the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Saturday Evening.

O ETERNAL GOD, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, in whose sight the very heavens are not clean, and who chargest Thine angels with folly; we desire to approach Thee with reverence and godly fear. Thou hast bidden us to draw near to Thee, and hast promised to accept us if we come to Thee pleading the merits of Christ our Saviour. Hear us then, O our Father, and help and bless us for His name's sake.

Brought by Thy kind providence in peace and safety to the close of another week, we come to thank Thee for Thy fatherly care. Day by day Thou hast watched over us, and kept us from evil. We thank Thee for earthly comforts and

blessings. We thank Thee for spiritual privileges and means of grace. O Lord, with shame we acknowledge that it is through our own sin and unbelief alone that Thy Word has not been more profitable to us, and prayer more delightful.

We entreat Thee to bestow upon us Thy pardoning mercy. Forgive, we pray Thee, our many sins and shortcomings, negligences and ignorances. Forgive our wasted time and misemployed talents. We fly for refuge, O blessed Saviour, to Thy cross. We would wash in the fountain of Thy precious blood. O make us clean; purge away our stains of guilt; and let Thy love constrain us to love Thee more, and serve Thee better.

And now, O Lord, fit and prepare us for Thy day of rest. When we lie down this night upon our beds, may we lay aside for a while all those earthly cares which have harassed us through the week.

Breathe into our minds a holy calmness, and let Thy peace fill our hearts. Grant us such refreshing rest, as may strengthen us for the sacred employments of Thine own day. And do Thou awaken in us earnest desires after spiritual blessings. Lord, our eyes are unto Thee, and our expectations from Thee. Without Thee Sabbaths must be days of weariness, and solemn ordinances unprofitable. But be Thou Thyself with us on the morrow. May we begin Thy day in a holy, happy frame of mind, and enjoy Thy presence and blessing through all its sacred hours.

Take us now, O Lord, under Thy gracious care. As days and weeks pass away, may we be found growing in meetness for Thy kingdom. Thou knowest how short our time is: teach us to know and feel it also. Give us grace so to consider our latter end, as to be ever carefully preparing for it. Help us to redeem the

time, and work whilst it is yet day. And when our earthly pilgrimage is ended, O take us to Thine everlasting rest, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

FOURTH WEEK.

[PRINCIPALLY FROM THE LITURGY.]

Sunday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's name, we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ear to us, who now, as a Christian family, kneel before Thee.

Make this, O Lord, a day of blessing to us all. Solemnise our feelings. May we spend much of the day with Thee. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name.

Go with us to Thy house, and be with us when there. Keep the world and Satan

out of our hearts. Give us, we beseech Thee, a devout and prayerful spirit. And do Thou, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art willing to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy. Forgive us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and give us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits of our Saviour.

Grant unto Thy ministers (and especially to *those* who watch over us) Thy heavenly grace; and, that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing. May they be clothed with righteousness; and may Thy word spoken by their mouths have success, that it may never be spoken in vain.

Bless the preaching of Thy Gospel in this place and throughout the world. O

merciful God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, have mercy upon all who are hardened by sin, and who have wandered and strayed from the right way. Be pleased to awaken many this day by the power of Thy grace. Make the light of Thy Holy Spirit to shine upon their souls. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock. And do Thou feed Thy own sheep with sound and wholesome nourishment, and lead them safely on their way to heaven.

O gracious Father, who hast invited us to draw near to Thee in the name of Thy dear Son, we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ear to us, that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee. Send us not away from Thy

throne without a blessing; but now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, not for our own righteousness, but for the worthiness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us: the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore.

Amen.

Sunday Evening.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, be with us on this the evening of Thine own day. We Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace which we have this day enjoyed, and for the hope of glory hereafter.

Fill our hearts with thankfulness, O God; and enable us to praise Thee with humble minds and joyful lips for all Thy past mercies, and to trust Thee for the time to come.

O Lord, remove our ignorance and dulness of heart. Show us our exceeding sinfulness, and convince us that without a Saviour we are lost. Lead us to Christ. Grant us perfectly to know Him to be the way, the truth, and the life, that following His steps, we may walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life.

Bring home to all our hearts Thy truth, which has this day been preached. May it prove to be the power of God unto the salvation of our souls. Grant that the words which we have heard with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruits of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy name.

May it please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived; to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-

hearted; to raise up them that fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet. May it please Thee to have mercy upon all men; to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word.

And now, O heavenly Father, we desire to put ourselves under Thy protecting care for the coming night. We will lay us down to sleep, and take our rest, for Thou only makest us to dwell safely. Defend us from all harm. Let Thine angels encamp round about us, and keep us from every evil.

Do Thou, O Lord, accept us who are now kneeling before Thee. Hear also, we beseech Thee, the petitions which have this day been offered in Thy house; and fulfil to us Thy own most gracious promise, that whatsoever we shall ask in prayer,

believing, we shall receive. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Morning.

O GOD, the strength of all that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept the prayers with which we desire to begin this day. And because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee both in will and deed.

O Lord, we are surrounded by dangers on every side. Defend us, we beseech Thee, from those accidents which may happen to the body, and from those evil thoughts and sinful desires which assault and hurt the soul; so that we Thy servants, being sheltered under Thy protection, may pass safely through this world of danger to the land of everlasting rest.

O heavenly Father, we praise Thee for all Thy goodness to us, especially for the many and great blessings of the past Sabbath. We thank Thee for the privilege of prayer, for the reading and preaching of Thy Word, and for all the ordinances of Thy house. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy many mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Make us to feel our sinfulness, and our need of a Saviour. Teach us to love Christ with all our hearts; and as there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom and through whom we may receive health and salvation, give us grace to believe on Him to the saving of our souls.

Look, O Lord, in mercy upon the world around us. Have compassion upon those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. Be pleased to make Thy way known upon earth, Thy saving health unto all nations. Bless Thy servants who are gone forth into distant lands to proclaim the message of salvation. Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with Thy heavenly grace; prosper them in all their labours; and give them many souls as their reward. And, O Thou Lord of the harvest, we pray Thee to send forth more labourers into Thy harvest. Enable them both to sow the seed, and to reap the fruit of their labours.

And now, O Lord, as Thou hast promised to hear the prayers of them that ask in Thy Son's name, fulfil, for His sake, the desires and petitions of us Thy servants, as may be most expedient for

us, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us. The Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

Monday Evening.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, we Thine unworthy servants desire to humble ourselves before Thee this evening. We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we have this day committed by thought, word, and deed, against Thy divine majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us.

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all *our* sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life.

Enable us, O Lord, to serve Thee faithfully, and to be ever ready to do Thy blessed will. Grant that we may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found. May we live as strangers and pilgrims on the earth, feeling that this is not our rest, but looking for a city which hath foundations, whose maker and builder is God.

Give us grace, O heavenly Father, to lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

We pray Thee to bless the Country in which we live. We heartily thank Thee for the many mercies we enjoy in this Christian land; and we beseech Thee to

continue them to us, little as we deserve them. Bless our Sovereign whom Thou hast placed over us; and so dispose her heart, that in all her thoughts, words, and works, she may ever seek Thy honour and glory, and study to preserve Thy people committed to her charge in wealth, peace, and godliness.

Rule Thou in the hearts of our Rulers. Bless those who govern in this land. Be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of Thy glory, and the good of Thy people.

Finally, O God, let Thy blessing rest upon us, who are now gathered round Thy throne of grace. Guide and prosper the absent members of this family, and all our relations and friends. Take them and us under Thy fatherly care this night. And grant that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may

be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. For Thy dear Son's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of li e, to the honour and glory of Thy name. We bring all our sins to Thy cross, O Saviour. Be pleased to blot them out with Thy most precious blood. Pardon our iniquities,

for they are great; and cleanse and purify our hearts.

Keep us, gracious God, this day without sin. Preserve us from the snares and enticements of the world. We are sore let and hindered by them. May we be willing to take up our cross, and follow Christ; and in all our sufferings here may we steadfastly look up to heaven, and behold the glory that shall be revealed. May Thy grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us. Thou knowest, Lord, that we have pledged ourselves to renounce the world and all its vanities: strengthen us to do so.

Enable us to live in peace one with another. And, O Thou who art the Prince of Peace, keep us from envy, malice, and all uncharitableness. Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away from us all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as

there is but one body and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee.

Give us unselfish and feeling hearts. Lord, make us kind to all around us. May we bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Look in mercy upon our brethren, who are at this time in poverty or want. Be the Father of the fatherless, and the God of the widow. Of Thy great goodness, O Lord, comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Give them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. Holy Saviour, may we in all things follow Thy blessed example, and grow daily more like unto Thee.

And now we pray Thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise.

And as Thou hast promised that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt be in the midst of us, fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, and hear these our prayers, which we conclude in the words which Thou Thyself hast taught us—

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, who knowest also our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, pour out upon us this evening the abundance of Thy mercy. Open the windows of heaven, and shower down a blessing upon us. Our wants are great, but the stores of Thy bounty are greater. Lord, enable us to ask in faith, nothing wavering. Enable us to come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

We beseech Thee to awaken in us a spirit of thankfulness. Open Thou our hearts and lips this evening; and our mouths shall show forth Thy praise. We feel, O Lord, that our mercies are greater, far greater than we deserve. Thou hast

not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. Like as a father pitieth his children, so hast Thou been full of pity and compassion towards us. For all Thy goodness we offer up our grateful thanks. With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.'

Preserve us, O God, from the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. And because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation. We have no strength of our own: let Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness. Hold up our goings in Thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. And may every thought of our minds

and every desire of our hearts, be brought into subjection to Thy blessed will.

O Thou who hast so graciously preserved us during the day, take us under Thy kind care this night. Let no evil happen to us, nor any plague come nigh our dwelling. Keep us ever, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name. Thou knowest, O Lord, that through the weakness of our nature we can do no good thing without Thee; grant us therefore the help of Thy grace; that in keeping Thy commandments we may please Thee both in body and soul.

Make us ever to bear in mind that our time is short. Give us grace to work while it is called to-day, remembering that the night cometh when no man can work.

O Lord, save us Thy servants, who put our trust in Thee. Be Thou to us a strong tower from the face of our enemies.

Keep us evermore from all evil. We commend ourselves, and all dear to us, to Thy care for the coming night. Be Thou our watchful guardian during the hours of darkness, and bless us now and evermore, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Wednesday Morning.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, we desire to thank Thee, that we have been preserved in safety through the past night, and that we are spared to see the light of another morning. Give us grace to cast off the works of darkness, and to put upon us the armour of light. Shine, O God, into our souls; and cheer and comfort us with Thy gracious presence.

Vouchsafe, O heavenly Father, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws and in the works of Thy commandments. Awaken within us an earnest desire to be holy as Thou art holy. We are tied and bound with the chain of our sins. O let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; so that being made free from sin, and become servants to God, we may have our

fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Keep us, we beseech Thee, this day from all things that be hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation. Watch over and defend our bodies; and do Thou also bless our souls. Arm us especially against all our spiritual enemies. When the Tempter assails us, give us grace to resist him. And as Thou knowest our infirmities, be pleased in all our dangers and necessities to stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us.

Grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. May we so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises. Graft in our hearts the love of Thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same all the days of our life.

We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, for

all sorts and conditions of men. We pray for all who are in authority over us, that Thou wouldest give them grace, wisdom, and understanding. Especially bless our Sovereign the Queen. Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; may she evermore put her whole trust in Thee, and ever seek Thy honour and glory.

Bless all our friends and neighbours, the sick, and those who are desolate and oppressed. Be with them in all their sorrows, and grant them that peace which the world cannot give.

Especially bless all the members of this family, young and old. Sow the seeds of eternal life in every heart. Teach us so to live, that we may glorify Thee, and be useful to our fellow-creatures. And grant that we may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that we may at length come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with Thee world without end.

Hear us, heavenly Father, in these our prayers. And those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot, ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

O HOLY and Almighty God, we would present ourselves before Thee this evening with humble and thankful hearts. Receive us as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying, 'Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.' So give now unto us that ask; let us that seek find; open the gate unto us that knock.

Pardon, O Lord, for Christ's sake, the sins which we have committed this day. Enable us to try and examine our hearts, and see if there be any wickedness in us. Give us true repentance. Make us heartily sorry for all our misdoings. Spare us who now confess our sins unto Thee; that we whose consciences by sin are accused by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved through Christ our Lord.

We thank Thee, O heavenly Father, that of Thy tender mercy Thou hast given Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. We thank Thee that He has made a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. Grant that we may be made partakers of His blessed atonement. Through faith in His blood may we obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion. May we know Him, and love Him, and serve Him with all our hearts; and may we daily endeavour to follow the steps of His most holy life. O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed upon us, as we do put our trust in Thee.

Teach us, O God, both how to live and how to die. May our loins be always girt and our lamps burning, and we ourselves like servants who wait for the coming of their lord. May we live a life of faith,

and may we die the death of the righteous; so that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection, and be for ever with the Lord.

Look in mercy upon all our brethren, our friends, neighbours, and acquaintance. Be with all who are dear to us, especially with any who may at this time be in affliction or distress. Cheer their hearts, and lift up the light of Thy countenance upon them. Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of Thy grace; and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing.

And be with *us* who are now gathered together in Thy name. Defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Let Thy fatherly hand ever be over us. Let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us. And so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of Thy word, that in the end

we may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us. The Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting.

Thursday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we Thy sinful children come before Thee this morning, confessing our many sins which we have committed against Thee by thought, word, and deed. We are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.

Do Thou, for Christ's sake, mercifully forgive us all our transgressions. Receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. O Saviour of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us, we beseech Thee; and give us grace evermore to serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living to Thy honour and glory.

We entreat Thee, O Almighty Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Purify our hearts; and drive out every vain thought, and every unholy desire, which rises up within us. And as we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all our dangers, and carry us through all our temptations.

Lord, we thank Thee for having given us Thy word, as a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. May we love that word. May we read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it. May its truths be brought home to our hearts by the teaching of Thy Holy Spirit. And may we embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Christ.

Bless Thy Church all over the world; and especially that part to which we

belong. Root out of it, we beseech Thee, everything that offends. Keep it pure in doctrine. Preserve it from false teachers; and grant that it may evermore be guided by faithful and true pastors. And as Thou didst endue Thy apostles of old with many excellent gifts, leave not Thy ministers now, we beseech Thee, destitute of these gifts, nor yet of grace to use them always to Thy honour and glory.

Bless the Rulers of our land. Be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and her dominions: that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations.

Finally, we commend ourselves to Thy care and keeping, as well as all our dear relations and friends. Bless them and us, O gracious God, and lead us on our way to heaven. Take us under Thy

special care. Keep us from all evil; and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation, that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who art the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and who art also the gracious Father of Thy people, we beseech Thee to listen to these our prayers. We do not presume to come into Thy presence this evening trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to approach Thee, or to take Thy name into our lips. We are not worthy to be called Thy children; for we have offended Thee in thought, word, and deed. But since Thou hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with a hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee, grant that we may truly humble ourselves before Thee. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and

strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life.

O God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost; O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from Thy wrath and from everlasting damnation, good Lord, deliver us.

We acknowledge our spiritual weakness, and that without Thee nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Be now and evermore our defence. Give us grace that we may put off the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light. We desire to do Thy will, O our God. Show us what that will is. Grant that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. May our life be a daily preparation for heaven. May we live now by faith, ever hastening

towards our home above. And since Thou hast exalted Thy Son Jesus Christ into Thy kingdom in heaven, so may we in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell.

Whilst we are in the world, O Lord, do Thou keep us from the evil. Let nothing turn us from the narrow path that leads to heaven. Make us to remember that in the midst of life we are in death. Grant that we may be ever ready when Thou shalt call us hence; so that, amidst all our occupations here, our minds may be kept in perfect peace, being stayed upon Thee. O Lord, be Thou our portion now, and prepare us for Thy presence hereafter.

Be with all who are travelling by land or by sea, with all sick persons, especially with any who are suffering, either from sickness or sorrow, in our own parish. Draw near to them in the hour of trouble, and give them a happy issue out of their afflictions.

Bless each one of us who are now

kneeling before Thee. And be with all who are near and dear to us. Pardon our sins; strengthen our weakness; instruct our ignorance; give us more faith, hope, and love. And grant an answer of peace to these our prayers, which we offer up in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's name, let Thy merciful ears be open to this our morning prayer. Lord, in all our doings bestow upon us Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name.

We thank Thee that we are again permitted to appear before Thee as a Christian household. O make us Thine in heart and life. If there be any among us who have erred and strayed from the right path, may it please Thee to bring them back into the way of truth; if any have fallen, do Thou raise them up by Thy grace. We have promised, O God,

to renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil; give us strength to do so. Enable us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, to resist the many snares which beset us on every side, and to be holy as Thou art holy. And help us, O Lord, to live a godly, righteous, and sober life.

Be with us this day as we read those Holy Scriptures which Thou hast given us for our learning. As newborn babes, may we desire the sincere milk of the Word, that we may grow thereby. What we know not do Thou teach us by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name.

We desire to pray for others as well as for ourselves. Bless and preserve our Sovereign the Queen. Rule her heart in Thy faith, fear, and love. Be Thou her Defender and Keeper. Prosper her with all happiness, and bring her to Thine

everlasting kingdom. Endue her counsellors with true wisdom.

Look favourably upon our native land. Save and defend us, we beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies, and give peace in our time, O Lord. May we never forget that in all our conflicts there is none that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God. Oh, that it may please Thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, and to make us a godly and a Christian people.

As members of the same household may we live together in peace. Keep us from all dissensions, and may Thy love prevail among us. Be with all our friends, and those who have at any time shown us kindness. Bless all our enemies, if we have any, and turn their hearts. Visit with the comforts of Thy grace all amongst us who are anyways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate. Lead them to

the Saviour, and give them a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

And now, heavenly Father, we ask Thee to be our Guardian and Keeper during this day, and to preserve us in our going out and in our coming in. All this we beg in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us all now and for ever. *Amen.*

Friday Evening.

O GRACIOUS SAVIOUR, who hast promised that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt be in the midst of them, fulfil this promise to us at the present time. We come before Thee with all our wants, feeling that Thou art able to supply them, and to give us more than we can ask or think.

Thou knowest that our necessities are great; but Thy power and goodness are greater. We are tied and bound with the chain of our sins; but do Thou in mercy loose us. We are ignorant; do Thou teach our hearts by the sending to us the light of Thy Holy Spirit. We are as sheep that have gone astray; O thou Good Shepherd, bring us back into Thy fold. Create and make in us new and contrite

hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness.

By Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy cross and passion, by Thy precious death and burial, by Thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, good Lord, deliver us. Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts, and mercifully forgive all our sins.

O heavenly Father, we beseech Thee favourably to behold this Thy family. May each of us in our respective stations truly and godly serve Thee. May we do unto others as we would they should do unto us. May we be true and just in all our dealings one with another. May we bear no malice nor hatred in our hearts. May we be honest and upright in our daily conduct. May we keep our tongues from evil speaking, lying, and slandering. May we, each one of us, do our duty in

that state of life into which it has pleased Thee to call us.

Make Thy Word precious to our souls. May it be sweet to our taste, yea, sweeter than honey to our mouth. May we love its precepts, understand its doctrines, and rest upon its promises. Give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every wind of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth, and be doers of Thy Word, and not hearers only, deceiving our ownselves. Whenever we read the Holy Scriptures, be Thou Thyself our Teacher. Sow the seed of eternal life in our hearts, and enable us to bring forth fruit, to the glory of Thy name, and the comfort of our souls.

We now desire to place ourselves for the night under Thy fatherly care. Be with us in our lying down, and in our rising up. Defend us with Thy heavenly grace, that we may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit

more and more until we come into Thine everlasting kingdom, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us. The Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us; and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

Saturday Morning.

HELP us to come before Thee, O God, this morning with earnest prayer, and with deep contrition of heart. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us throughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

We thank Thee, that Thou hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance to do always that is righteous in Thy sight.

Enable us always to act as becomes Thy people, and as the followers of a holy Saviour. May we meekly bear all injuries

and reproaches for our Master's sake. May we never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives' end.

Fit us day by day for the duties that lie before us. We would put ourselves and all that concerns us into Thy hands, and ask Thee to be our Guide and Counsellor. In all our ways we desire to acknowledge Thee, and do Thou direct our paths. Keep us, we beseech Thee, from all evil, that we being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldest have done.

Look favourably, O Lord, upon the Church to which we belong, and on Thy people everywhere. Cast Thy bright beams of light upon us, that we, being enlightened by the doctrine of Thy blessed Gospel, may ever walk in the light of Thy truth, and shine brightly for Christ, in the midst of this dark world.

Bless the Bishops and Pastors of Thy flock. Raise up men after Thine own heart who shall watch over Thy people. Make them wise to win souls. Give them Thy grace and heavenly benediction, that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men.

And be with those who are preparing for the sacred Ministry of Thy Church. Make them to feel the importance and solemnity of their work. Give them an abundance of Thy grace; replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine; and endue them with innocency of life; that they may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy great name.

Fit us, O Lord, for all the events of this short and uncertain life. If prosperity be our portion, keep us humble and watchful in the midst of it. Or if sorrows and trials come upon us, give us grace cheerfully to submit, saying, 'Father, not my will, but Thy will be done.'

Accept, O Lord, for Christ's sake, our

poor, imperfect services, and give us grace to serve Thee better. May all we undertake be begun, continued, and ended in Thee, that so we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be upon us, and upon all whom we should remember, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Saturday Evening.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities. Teach us how to pray; and that we may obtain our petitions make us to approach Thee with humble and believing hearts. We come in the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, hear our prayers, and let our cry come unto Thee.

Pardon, we pray Thee, the sins and shortcomings of another week, which is now drawing to a close. We have left undone many things which we ought to have done, and we have done many things which we ought not to have done. Blot out all our sins for Jesus Christ's sake. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than

snow. Thou hast promised a blessing on those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered: may that blessedness be ours. And that we may truly serve Thee, strengthen us, we beseech Thee, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace.

Be with us, gracious Father, during the approaching hours of rest. By Thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Especially we ask Thee to prepare our hearts for Thy holy day, which is near at hand. When we wake in the morning, may we feel that it is indeed the day which the Lord hath made, and may we rejoice and be glad in it.

We thank Thee, O gracious God, for all Thy mercies, both bodily and spiritual. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless His holy name. Thou crownest us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. Thou hast not dealt with

us after our sins, neither rewarded us according to our iniquities. We thank Thee for our family blessings, and for the goodness Thou hast shown to each of us individually. But most of all we thank Thee for the redemption of the world by our Saviour Jesus Christ. O that we may always remember His exceeding great love in thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by His precious blood-shedding He hath obtained for us. May we carefully walk in His footsteps, and study to serve Him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

And now, O heavenly Father, as the Sabbath hours are fast approaching, do Thou draw away our minds from earthly things, and fix them on things above. And as Thy Son Jesus Christ hath ascended into the heavens, and sitteth at Thy right hand, we pray Thee to send down upon us Thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same

place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

FIFTH WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

O GOD, we come before Thee this morning with grateful hearts. This is the day which Thou hast made; may we rejoice and be glad in it. Make us thankful for all the blessings vouchsafed unto us; for the hours of sacred rest which we are permitted to enjoy; for Thy House to which we are called; for the opportunity of uniting with our brethren in prayer; and for the message of mercy which Thou hast sent to gladden our souls.

Lord, tune our hearts for the joyful work of prayer and praise. Pardon our coldness, and warm our hearts with Thy grace. We confess that Thy holy days

that are past have not been so full of blessings to us as Thou wouldst have them to be. The world has too much engrossed our thoughts and feelings. We have been burdened by its cares, and drawn aside by its enticements. Prayer has often been an effort to us, and Thy word unwelcome; and when in Thy House, we have allowed vain and wandering thoughts to steal in, and spoil our devotions.

We have need, O Lord, to ask Thee to forgive our Sabbath sins. And we earnestly beseech Thee to make this a day of blessing and peace to each one of us. Pour out largely upon us Thy Holy Spirit, convincing us of sin, leading us to the Saviour, and fitting us for Thy blessed service.

Lord, on this Thy own day we pray Thee to be specially present with Thy ministering servants. Help them in their holy work. Give them zeal, and earnestness, and faith, and love. Work Thou

Thyself by their means, and make them the instruments in Thy hands of converting souls, and building up Thy Church. Raise up faithful and true men to labour in Thy vineyard, and make them to feel the greatness of their office.

And bless, O Lord, Thy people. Feed them this day with the food Thou providest for Thy children, and prosper their souls. Arouse the careless; strengthen the weak; and lead on those who are in earnest.

Be with all Thy worshipping congregations, and especially that in which we are more immediately interested. O make us real and hearty worshippers. Revive Thy work, O Lord, in the midst of us; and may Thy glorious kingdom be enlarged, and numbers be added to Thy true fold.

Hear us, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom

come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be upon us, and upon all who are dear to us, now and ever. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, we come before Thee this evening to confess our sins and shortcomings, and to thank Thee for the mercies of the past day.

Thou knowest how poor have been our devotions. In private and in public prayer our hearts have been cold, and our attention has been drawn aside. Earthly thoughts have too much prevailed, and heavenly things have not been heartily welcomed by us. Father, forgive us, we beseech Thee; and for Thy dear Son's sake blot out these, and all our other sins.

And whatever has been right in our services we ask Thee, O God, in mercy to accept. Thanks be unto Thee for the joyful sound which we have heard to-day, for any words of prayer which have gone up from

our hearts, and for any measure of peace and comfort which we have enjoyed. O that a rich and lasting blessing may rest upon us; and having been brought near to Thee in Thy House, may we live nearer to Thee day by day.

Bless, O Lord, the Church to which we belong. Be with its bishops and pastors, making them wise to win souls, and holy both in their lives and teaching. Increase the number of its members, and give them more life and earnestness. Make Thy Church to be as a house at unity with itself. Give us all the spirit of love and concord; and may we be worthy of the name we bear, and of the Master whom we profess to serve.

And as Thou, Lord, art able to read the heart and condition of each one now before Thee, we beseech Thee to suit Thy blessing to our individual wants. Show us what our wants are, and enable us to bring them

one by one before Thee. If any of us are burdened with sin, do Thou forgive us; if weak, strengthen us; if unhappy, comfort us; or if tempted, stand by us, and let not Satan get the advantage over us. Whilst journeying through this world, be Thou our Helper and Defender; and when we leave it, grant us an abundant entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom. Give us a longing for heaven, and for that time when sin shall be no more, and sorrow and sadness shall flee away.

And now, O heavenly Father, having brought us to the close of Thy own day, we beseech Thee to take us into Thy kind and gracious keeping during the approaching night. Watch over us and ours, and bless us in body and soul, both now and ever, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Morning.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, Lord of heaven and earth, we desire to present ourselves before Thee as a Christian family, ere we enter upon the work of another day and another week. We know not what may be before us, what duties we may be called upon to perform, or what trials to undergo. We would therefore solemnly commit ourselves into Thy hands, consecrating ourselves to Thee, and desiring to be led, and guided, and taught by Thee. Grant that we may act as Thy children in the midst of a careless world, seeking Thy honour and glory, and desiring to do Thy will in all things.

Keep us, O Lord, in a watchful spirit. May we be in Thy fear all the day long, careful to do nothing to offend Thee, but

desiring to please Thee in all things. Wherever we go, do Thou go with us; and whatever we do, enable us to do it in Thy strength, and looking for Thy blessing. In the hour of danger be Thou our Defender and Guide; our Comforter in trouble; and at all times the Giver of our peace, and the Joy of our hearts. Show us the right way, and enable us to walk in it. Hold up our goings in Thy paths, that our footsteps slip not.

Lord, keep us this day without sin. And not only so, but do Thou make us useful according to our opportunities. Employ us in Thy service, and may it be our meat and drink to do Thy will.

O God, we have been redeemed by the blood of Thy dear Son: make us to feel that we are His. May His cross be our hope, and may His love constrain us to give ourselves to Him. O Saviour, be Thou daily more and more precious to us.

Draw near to us, and give us the enjoyment of Thy constant presence.

We desire to pray for others: for our Sovereign whom Thou hast set over us; that she may rule in Thy fear and love, and be a nursing-mother to Thy Church: for Thy Ministers; that they may be taught of Thee, and be faithful and earnest in their work: for our friends and relations; that they may be dear to Thee, and may know the happiness of Thy service. Let Thy blessing rest upon every member of this family, both those who are under this roof and those who are at a distance from us. Bless their bodies, save their souls, and give unto them that peace and rest in Thee which the world cannot give.

Hear us, heavenly Father; and when Thou hearest, give not according to our poor deserts, but according to Thy great goodness, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us. The Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us; and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

Monday Evening.

O THOU high and holy One, who art the Lord God Almighty, and yet the Father of Thy people, we kneel down before Thee, deeply feeling our own unworthiness. What are we, O Lord, that we should approach Thee, or take Thy name into our lips? We have in ourselves no plea to offer for our acceptance; but we come to Thee in the name of Thy dear Son, knowing that for His sake Thou wilt receive us, and meet us with a blessing.

Lord, our need is great, and our wants are many; but Thy power is infinite, and Thy goodness knows no bounds. We are sinful; do Thou pardon us. Perfect Thy strength in our weakness. Awaken in us earnest desires after holiness, and sanctify us by Thy grace. Thanks be unto Thee

for sparing us through another day. Thou hast indeed been about our path, directing us through every difficulty, and protecting us from every evil. In the hour of need Thou wast near. Thou art our Comforter, our Shield, our ever-watchful Guardian.

We thank Thee for Thy tender care of us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so hast Thou had compassion upon us. We have been disobedient to Thy commands; we have wandered and strayed from the right way; we have been heedless of Thy calls; we have sought to please ourselves, instead of Thee. But Thou hast in mercy borne with our infirmities, and hast had patience with us in our waywardness.

Oh that Thy goodness may lead us to repentance, and soften our hearts! Win us over, Lord, by Thy love. Draw us closer to Thyself, and may we never depart from Thee.

And now, O Lord, take us into Thy safe keeping for the hours that are before us during the coming night. Look in mercy upon the homeless and destitute. Be with the sick and afflicted. Give relief to all Thy suffering people, pouring balm into their wounds, and speaking peace to their souls. Give Thy promised blessing to those who mourn for sin, and may they be comforted.

Now, O Lord, we pray Thee to bless us who are now presenting ourselves before Thy throne. Take us and all our beloved ones under Thy sheltering care this night. Preserve us all in peace and safety. Be the God of this family, and may our dwelling be under Thy special guardianship. Refresh us with peaceful sleep, and strengthen us for the duties which lie before us.

Hear us in this our evening prayer, and give a gracious answer to our requests, for

His sake who died for us and rose again, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

O THOU that hearest prayer, listen to us as we draw near to Thee this morning. We desire to wait upon Thee as Thy servants, and to obey Thee in all things. Keep us constantly mindful that Thou art our Master, and may it be the desire of our hearts to know Thy will, and to do it with all earnestness.

We thank Thee for Thy loving care of us; for having watched over us when we so much needed Thy protection; and for preserving us in health and safety, when so many are suffering. What are we, O God, that Thou shouldest deal so kindly with us? Oh that we may henceforth give ourselves up to Thy service, and no longer seek to please ourselves but Thee.

Fit us, we beseech Thee, for the duties

and trials which are before us. We ask Thee to make use of us when and where Thou pleasest. Give us some work to do for Thee; and whatever that work is, may we do it with our might. And, blessed Saviour, if there be any cross which Thou callest us to bear, may we endure it cheerfully for Thy sake. Enable us to feel that it is light indeed, if Thou dost bear it with us; and make us ever willing to suffer with Thee here, that we may share Thy glory hereafter.

O Lord, we belong to Thee. We have been admitted by baptism into Thy fold. Make us not only Thy professing people, but true and living members of Thy Church.

Breathe, O Holy Spirit, breathe new life into our souls. We have slept too long; do Thou awaken us. We have lived too much for this world; may we henceforth live unto Thee, consecrating our

souls and bodies, our hearts and affections, to Thy service, and desiring in all things to glorify Thee by our holy and devoted lives.

Look, O Lord, upon Thy Church at large. Give free course to Thy word, and make men to feel its power. May Thy kingdom be ever advancing in the world. Bring men to the knowledge of Thy truth. Stir up the hearts of Thy people to desire the spread of Thy gospel. Look in mercy upon the heathen, and have compassion upon all who know Thee not. Gather into Thy fold both Jews and Gentiles; and bless abundantly with Thy grace those who labour among them. Lord, the work is great, and the workmen few. Call forth labourers into Thy field; and may their work be owned and blessed of Thee.

Heavenly Father, make each of us to shine as a light in this dark world, holding forth the word of life. Hear us, and bless

us, and be with us this day, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening.

O GOD, our Creator and Protector, the Father of our spirits, and the Friend of our souls, we are once more gathered together in Thy name. We are Thy children, and under Thy special care we desire again to place ourselves.

Before we go to rest we would thank Thee for the mercies of the past day, and we would ask Thee to pardon the sins which we have committed. O God, forgive our self-seeking and self-pleasing. Forgive our want of faith and love, our coldness in prayer, and our slothfulness in the discharge of our several duties. We have loved this world too much, and have been over-burdened with its cares. Free us from its bondage, and raise our affections to things above.

Oh that we may live nearer to Thee, and devote ourselves more entirely to Thy service. Make Thy word instructive to our minds, and precious to our souls; and give us more real enjoyment in prayer. May our hope be fixed on Christ, and may He be our present joy and our future portion.

We are tied and bound, O Lord, with the chain of our sins; do Thou in mercy loose us. Grant us pardon for the past. Blot out all our transgressions. They are great indeed. Our own hearts condemn us; and much more dost Thou, who knowest all things, and searchest our very hearts and reins. We would wash in that fountain which Thou hast opened for sin and for uncleanness. May the blood of Jesus cleanse us, and may the Spirit of Jesus quicken us, and give new life to our souls.

Keep guard over us during the silent watches of the night. Be Thou about our

bed. Commit us to the care of Thy ministering angels. Preserve us from all the dangers of the night. Keep us from fire and violence, from storm and tempest. And shield our souls also from the assaults of Satan. Put away from us all evil thoughts and unholy desires. Be Thou our hiding-place, and do Thou shelter us under Thy wings, so that no evil may befall us.

And now, O Lord, we will lay ourselves down to sleep and take our rest. Prepare us for that night which shall be our last; and, whether we wake or sleep, may we be Thine for ever, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that

trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

May the Lord direct our hearts this night and for ever in the love of God, and in the patient waiting for Christ. The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Wednesday Morning.

O GOD, who hast in mercy spared us to the beginning of another day, we thank Thee for this renewal of Thy love. And now we come into Thy presence to ask Thee to give us Thy grace and blessing for the day that is before us. We desire to do Thy will, and to please Thee in all things. May we feel that Thine eye is upon us all the day long, and may we act as in Thy presence, and with an earnest desire to serve Thee, our heavenly Master. Lord, show unto each of us the task which Thou hast portioned out to us; and may we undertake it heartily for Christ's sake. Enable us to work for Thee whilst it is day; for the night is near when no man can work.

Let Thy blessing rest upon this house-

hold. Make us a family fearing and loving Thee. Be Thou honoured in this house; and may it be seen whose we are and whom we serve. Grant that a spirit of unity and love may prevail among us. May we be kind and gentle towards each other, bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ. May those who rule be just, and kind, and considerate; and may those who serve do so cheerfully and willingly for Christ's sake. [Be with the little ones of this family, and may their hearts be given to Thee.]

Teach us, O Lord, to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope and Thy glorious appearing. And when Thou comest, may we be found watching. May our lamps be lighted, and our loins be girded, and we like servants who wait for the coming of their Lord.

O God, teach us to remember that our

Wednesday Evening.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the cry of Thy needy ones who come to Thee in the Saviour's name; for His sake accept us in this our evening prayer. Give us Thy Holy Spirit, to help our infirmities, and teach us how to pray. Make us to feel our wants, and may the time we spend upon our knees be a time of earnest prayer and devotion.

We ask Thee, heavenly Father, to give us the blessing of health, and to prosper us in our concerns so far as shall be good for us. If we can bear prosperity, bestow it upon us; but if Thou shouldest see it needful to afflict us, let us humbly submit to Thy will, and bear our trial patiently. Deal with us according to our need, and as Thou in Thy wisdom seest it to be good for us.

Above all, give us believing, earnest, and loving hearts. Show us our sins, and make us to hate them, even as they are hateful unto Thee. Forgive, for Christ's sake, all that we have done wrong to-day: all our sins, both known and unknown; all the mistakes into which we have fallen; and all our wrong words and foolish thoughts. Blot them out, we beseech Thee, in the Saviour's cleansing blood. And oh, give us the joy of pardon. Make us to feel that Thou hast indeed accepted us, and made us Thy children; and may we ever find Thy ways to be ways of peace.

Let Thy word be sweet to us, yea, sweeter than honey to our taste. Enable us to read it with prayer, with reverence, and with attention. Bring home to us its precious truths; make them the rule of our lives, and the comfort of our hearts. What we see not clearly do Thou in mercy teach us. Reveal Christ to our souls.

Show Him to us as our all-sufficient Redeemer, and the Friend whom we need. And grant that day by day we may grow in grace, and be ever making progress on our way to heaven.

And now, O Lord, we commit ourselves, and all that concerns us, to Thy gracious care. Command Thy blessing to rest upon those whom we love, wherever they may be. Give them health of body, and peace of mind. Gather them in Thine arms, and shelter them in Thy bosom. Watch over them and us this night. If Thou protect us not, we shall be exposed to danger; but in Thy keeping we shall be safe. Be with us now and evermore, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*]

our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Unto Thy gracious mercy and protection, O Lord, we humbly commit ourselves. O Lord, bless us and keep us. O Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. O Lord, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Morning.

WE thank Thee, O Lord, for having spared us to see the light of another day; fill our hearts with gratitude and our mouths with praise. Make this a useful and happy day to us. Remove every burden from our minds, and every sorrow from our hearts. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us joy and peace in believing. Grant us the Spirit of adoption, so that we may indeed feel that Thou art our Father, and that we are Thy reconciled and beloved children.

Lord, give us this day some work to do for Thee. Employ us in Thy service. Let us neither say nor do anything which is displeasing to Thee. Let our thoughts be pure, and our desires holy. Keep us not only from outward transgression, but

from those secret faults and hidden sins which are so offensive to Thee. Let our conversation be such as becometh the gospel of Christ.

Heavenly Father, have mercy on the world around us. Check the sinful, and turn them from their evil course; arouse the careless; give light to those who are in error; and convert the impenitent. Let the power of Thy gospel be felt, and let sinners be won over by Thy grace. And if any whom we love are as yet far from Thee, Christians only in name but not in heart and life, O bring them into Thy fold, and save their souls.

And make us to feel the blessedness of Thy service. Whatever we do this day, enable us to do it according to Thy will, and seeking Thy approval. Give us, we pray Thee, a contented spirit. Let us not be cast down by the trials of the world, nor led away by its pleasures. Keep us in

perfect peace, our minds being stayed upon Thee; and give us that firm trust in Thee which no storm can shake, and no danger destroy.

Have pity, Lord, upon the poor, the sick, and the afflicted. Regard with tender compassion those who are in sorrow; bind up their wounds, and relieve their aching hearts; give them the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoner come before Thee, and in Thee may the fatherless and widow find mercy.

And bless us who are now before Thee, according to our several wants; and give us all that we need, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed and only Saviour.

Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom

come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace; the Lord be with us in our going out and in our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, from this time forth and for evermore.

Amen.

Thursday Evening.

O GOD, our Creator and Preserver, in whom are all our ways, who givest to us life, and breath, and all things, we thank Thee for having kept us safely during another day. When danger has been near, Thou hast protected us with Thy unseen arm. Thou hast been our shield and defence all the day long.

And now again we place ourselves under Thy sheltering care. O Lord, watch over us, and bless us, during the coming night. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. Let Thine eye then be always upon us, and Thy fatherly hand ever be over us, so that no evil may come near to touch us.

Forgive us all that we have done wrong this day, both in our outward

conduct, and in our hearts within. Pardon all our careless words; the trifling thoughts that have passed through our minds; the evil desires which have been allowed to lodge within us. If we have injured any one, give us godly sorrow; if we have disobeyed Thee, or dishonoured Thy name, pardon us, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake; and if there has been any inconsistency in our conduct, humble us on account of it. May we always remember that we are the professed followers of a holy Saviour. Let His commands be our delight; His will our pleasure; His example our daily pattern; and His presence what we long for.

Give us, gracious God, the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, to renew our hearts, and to sanctify our souls. Make us day by day more holy and heavenly-minded. Fit us for Thy service here, and prepare us for a holier service above. And may we

ever be in a state of readiness to depart when Thou shalt call us hence.

Teach us to remember that in the midst of life we are in death. Make us to live as strangers and pilgrims here, looking for our rest above, in those heavenly mansions where Thou, O Saviour, art gone to prepare a place for us. Bring us into that rest, we beseech Thee, not for any merit of our own, but for Thy sake; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, we would ascribe everlasting praise. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine

is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven is Thy throne, and the earth Thy footstool. Fill us with awe and reverence as we kneel before Thee. Make us to feel that Thou art great and glorious, and that we are vile and worthless. Our sinful hearts are all open before Thee, and we are guilty in Thy sight. We dare not come unto Thee in our own name, but in that name which is above every name, even that of Him who is our Advocate and Intercessor. For Jesus Christ's sake graciously receive us, and bless us.

Another day is before us. O fit us for its duties, its trials, its temptations, and its blessings. Strengthen us for every event, and let nothing draw us aside from

that strait and narrow path which Thou hast pointed out to us. Thou, O Saviour, hast led the way; enable us to trace Thy footsteps, and meekly to follow Thee. Where Thou leadest we will go, and what Thou commandest we will do.

Call to mind all that Thou didst endure for us: Thine agony and bloody sweat, Thy cross and passion, Thy life of suffering and of sorrow. Make us willing to bear our cross after Thee; and be Thou our Refuge from sin and sorrow here, and our eternal Portion hereafter.

Draw us to Thyself with the cords of love. Give us willing hearts to serve Thee; and amidst all our engagements and occupations this day, make us to remember how strong a claim Thou hast upon our affections and our hearts. Enable us to honour Thee in our several stations. If in authority, keep us humble, and may we act with kindness. If ser-

vants, make us obedient, cheerful, and contented.

O God, make us useful in our day and generation. Our race will soon be run; our day of grace will soon be past; our working season will soon be over. May we redeem the time, and spend every hour in Thy service. Show us what Thou wouldest have us do for Thee. O help us to be more earnest in our prayers, more devout in reading Thy word, more diligent in our business, more watchful over our hearts, and more anxious to win the prize of our Christian calling.

In all the events of to-day, whether in sorrow or in joy, whether our course be smooth, or difficulties be in our way, do Thou take us by the hand and lead us on. Be our Guide, our Support, our present Friend and Comforter, till at length we are called into Thy presence, where there

is fulness of joy, and at Thy right hand pleasures for evermore.

Hear us, heavenly Father, in these our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Give us a sure and certain hope of our acceptance in Christ. Give us faith in Him. Grant us a peaceful, calm, and contented mind. May we count all else but loss, that we may win Christ and be found in Him.

Oh that every member of this family may be numbered among the saved. Be with all who are dear to us, whether present or absent. Give us grace to choose that good part which shall not be taken from us. Make us to be helpers, and not hinderers, to one another on the road to heaven. And when our short life is ended, gather us into Thy kingdom above, to be with Thee for ever.

Hear us, heavenly Father, and when Thou hearest forgive us, and bless us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

May the Lord direct our hearts this night and for ever in the love of God, and in the patient waiting for Christ. The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saturday Morning.

O GOD, who dwellest in the highest heaven, and yet drawest near to bless Thy people who call upon Thee, listen, we beseech Thee, to our morning prayer. We are gathered together in Thy name: be Thou in the midst of us.

Thou knowest, Lord, all our sins and all our need. We confess to Thee that there is much that we have left undone, and much that we have done amiss. There have been many things in our outward conduct which we feel to have been wrong. And when Thou lookest into our hearts, Thou seest that we have not loved Thee as we ought; we have not cared for Thee; we have forgotten Thee; we have allowed worldly things to drive Thee out of our thoughts. In the day of trial we have

murmured, and when all has prospered with us we have not been thankful.

O God, we are guilty before Thee. We have no plea to urge on our own behalf. But Thou art a God full of compassion and love. Thy property is always to have mercy. Forgive us, we beseech Thee, for our Redeemers sake. May that precious blood which was shed upon the cross atone for all our guilt. O Saviour, Thou hast paid the debt which we could never pay. Thou hast offered a full and complete sacrifice for sin. Thou hast bled for us on the accursed tree. Blot out, we beseech Thee, all our sins. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Make us to hear of joy and gladness, that our pardoned souls may rejoice before Thee.

Lord, keep us near to Thee this day. Guard us against all evil, and especially against all temptation to sin. Oh that we may live a holy, watchful, and Christian

life! and may it be our happiness to do Thy will, and to please Thee in all things. If we are disposed at any time to be angry, do Thou restrain us. If hasty words are upon our lips, enable us to recall them. If unbelieving or impure thoughts rush into our minds, give us grace instantly to expel them. We desire, O heavenly Father, to be holy, as Thou art holy. Make us so, we entreat Thee. Put Thy Holy Spirit within us, and bring every thought and feeling into obedience to Thyself.

Blessed be Thy name, O gracious God, for all that we have received at Thy hands. Thou givest us far more than we deserve. We thank Thee for the measure of health which we enjoy, for the plenty which surrounds us, for our kind friends, for our daily comforts; and still more for our spiritual blessings, for a Saviour, and for the salvation which He has purchased for us. For these, and all Thy mercies, we

give Thee hearty thanks, praising and magnifying Thy glorious name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be upon us, and upon all whom we love, now and ever. *Amen.*

Saturday Evening.

O HEAVENLY Father, we draw near to Thee this evening as Thy children, knowing that Thou art ready to supply all our need. Thou hast said, Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Enable us now to ask rightly, to seek with all earnestnesss, and so to knock at the door of mercy that Thou wilt hear and receive us.

We thank Thee that Thou hast brought us safely to the close of another week. Many and great have been Thy gifts, for which we heartily thank Thee; for Thy protecting and preserving care; for mercies renewed day by day; for kindness, forbearance, and love so repeatedly shown towards us. Oh for hearts to praise Thee for all that Thou t in Thyself, and all that Thou hast done

for us. Open Thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Lord, Thou art the Fountain of all happiness; give us of those joys which flow from Thee. Make us cheerful even in the midst of trouble, and grant us at all times a calm and contented spirit. Above all, give to each of us, we earnestly beseech Thee, the peace which flows from an assurance of Thy pardoning mercy. By the power of Thy Spirit lead each soul to Christ.

Bless Thy Church at large, and especially that branch of it to which we belong. May it ever be sound in doctrine, and pure from error. Make it the blessed instrument of spreading Thy truth, of exalting Thy dear Son, and of saving souls.

We pray for all Thy ministers. Guide them with Thy counsel, and make them ensamples to Thy flock. O fit them for the great work before them, and especially

for the service of Thy sanctuary on the morrow. Strengthen them, cheer them, sanctify their souls.

And, O Lord, since the harvest is great, and the labourers few, raise up, we pray Thee, faithful and true men, and send them to labour in Thy harvest-field. And do Thou Thyself fit and prepare them for the glorious work to which Thou shalt call them.

Look also favourably, O Lord, upon the several members of our Church. Stir up their zeal and earnestness, and make them a seed to serve Thee.

Grant a blessing on the services of Thy own day. Give us that preparation of heart which we so much need. Pour out upon all Thy congregations the spirit of prayer. Give unto them the hearing ear, the understanding mind, and the believing heart. Arouse the careless. Soften the impenitent. Have mercy upon those who have no mercy upon themselves. Help and encourage those who are beginning

to seek Thee; and stablish, strengthen, and settle Thy own faithful people.

And now, gracious God, spread Thy wing over us, and take us into Thy holy keeping, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Unto Thy gracious mercy and protection, O Lord, we humbly commit ourselves. O Lord, bless us, and keep us. O Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. O Lord, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

SIXTH WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

O MOST gracious God, who hast given us Thy Sabbaths, to be a sign between us and Thee, hear us and bless us on this the morning of Thy holy day. We heartily thank Thee for making one day in seven specially Thine own, and giving it to us for holy rest and worship. Thou knowest our frame, and providest mercifully for the refreshment of our bodies. Thou knowest our spiritual necessities, and hast appointed this day for the good of our souls.

Fit us, O our God, for Thy service. Teach us how to pray. Let our hearts and voices be joined in earnest prayer and thankful praise. Tens of thousands will this day seek a blessing from Thee: let us

not be formal and faithless. Showers of blessing will fall this day from Thy gracious hand: bless us, even us, O our Father.

With gladness and thankfulness of heart may we go up to Thy house. May we have grace to worship Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Thou art great and greatly to be praised. With deep humility may we bow before Thee. O Lord, deliver us from earthly cares, from wandering thoughts, from the risings of evil temper, from pride and vanity, whilst we join outwardly in acts of worship. May we deeply feel that Thou art amongst us, and that we are on holy ground. And do Thou speak to all our hearts by Thy ministers. Speak words of warning, counsel, and comfort, as each specially needs. Speak, Lord, for Thy servants hear.

We pray that we may learn more of Thy truth to-day. We pray that we may be helped on towards heaven. We pray that the power of Thy Spirit may accom-

pany the word, and make it quick and powerful to us. And upon those to whom Thy Providence denies the privilege of worshipping in the assemblies of Thy people, pour out, O Lord, Thy blessing. Give them Thy peace. Manifest Thy presence to them. Let them draw sweet comfort from Thy holy word. Strengthen them for the endurance of afflictions with all patience and joyfulness.

Be with Thy ministers to-day. Let Thy gospel be faithfully preached amongst us, and let great success attend the preaching of it. Prosper the labours of all Sunday-school teachers. May they earnestly desire, and faithfully strive, to gather the lambs into the Good Shepherd's fold. May all their work be done in dependence upon Thy grace, and with a single eye to Thy glory.

O gracious God and Father, we have begun this blessed day with Thee; teach us, bless us, make us joyful in Thee,

through all its sacred hours, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

WE praise Thee, we bless Thee, we give Thee hearty thanks, O Lord our God, for all the manifold and great mercies of this day of holy rest. For the message of redeeming love once again brought to us, for the precious promises of Thy word, for the privilege of lifting up with Thy holy Church throughout the world our prayers and praises to Thee, [for the strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the holy communion of the body and blood of Christ], we humbly offer to Thee our evening sacrifice of thanksgiving.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to fasten upon our hearts and memories the lessons of holy truth taught us to-day. Suffer us not to give so little heed to the things that

we have heard as to let them slip. May we not only *hear* the joyful sound of the gospel, but *receive*, and *love*, and *obey* it; and show that we do so by walking in the light of Thy countenance. O Thou great Head of the Church, pardon, we humbly pray Thee, the sins which we have this day committed against Thy Divine Majesty; especially those which have been mixed up with our acts of solemn worship. O Saviour, pity and help Thy poor sinful servants who too often sing Thy praises with feigned lips and wandering hearts. Let Thy love be more abundantly shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost given unto us. Jesus, Master, have mercy upon us! If another Sabbath is given us, may our hearts be more warm, and our prayers more earnest.

And now, O Lord, may that which we have learnt to-day fit us better for Thy service through the week. May we be

stronger to resist temptation, and more ready for every good word and work, through Thy blessing upon the word preached. May each Sabbath leave us in some measure at least advanced on our way heavenward.

We ask, O God, on this the evening of Thine own day, that a special blessing may rest upon our dear relatives and friends. Fulfil graciously the petitions which they have offered, and accept their praises. And hear us when we pray Thee to watch over them, to guide and defend them. Graft in all their hearts the love of Thy name. Lead them and us in the way of life everlasting.

Let Thy blessed peace now fill all our minds. Let a softening, sanctifying influence from the services of this Sabbath be upon us, and abide with us. And when earthly Sabbaths and earthly services are all done with, O take us, merciful Father,

to the rest prepared for Thy people, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us: the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore.

Amen.

Monday Morning.

O GOD, our Creator and Preserver, we have laid us down and slept, and have awaked and arisen again, for Thou hast sustained us. We humbly offer up to Thee as a family our praises and thanksgivings for all Thy goodness and mercy shown to us up to this day.

And now, O Lord our God, as we are entering upon the labours of the week, we seek Thy grace and guidance. We are ignorant, and need Thy teaching. Lord, show us the way in which we should walk, for we lift up our souls unto Thee. We are weak, and unable of ourselves to overcome temptation, and to fulfil our daily duties. Lord, make us strong in Thee. Be Thou our Helper; and fulfil to us Thine own promise, that Thou wilt

bruise Satan under our feet. Make us to know the deceitfulness of our own hearts, that we may not trust in ourselves, but, looking to Thee for succour, watch unto prayer.

Prosper us, O Lord our God, we humbly pray Thee, in everything which we attempt to do for Thy glory and the good of our fellow-creatures. Make us a blessing to those around us. Give us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. Make us gentle and patient, tender-hearted, and forbearing in our dealings with others.

Amidst all our earthly cares and labours may we be ever mindful of that great eternity to which every hour is bringing us nearer. O Lord, help us by Thy grace to improve our time and talents, and not to waste and misuse them. Of Thine infinite mercy Thou didst give Thy dear Son to die for us; O may we

live as the redeemed of the Lord ought to live; not selfishly, or according to the course of this world, but as the true followers of Christ and heirs of Thy kingdom.

We pray for this family, that peace and love may abound amongst us. O let not any one of us by word or example lead others astray. May we all assist one another in serving Thee, and fighting against sin.

Bless, O Lord, our country. Let true religion flourish and increase among us. Prosper every effort to check ungodliness, and to spread the knowledge of the truth amongst us. Let Thy Sabbaths be hallowed, and Thy word honoured and obeyed in our land.

These mercies we humbly ask, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us, and lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Evening.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, the day is far spent, and the night is coming on, and we dare not lie down in silence and darkness without Thee. Take us under Thy gracious care. Watch over us whilst we sleep.

For the mercies of this day we heartily thank Thee. Thou art very good to us. Daily Thou spreadest our table, and preservest us from death. Thou makest Thy sun to shine upon us; Thou givest us rain and fruitful seasons; Thou givest us love, and peace, and happy intercourse with dear friends around us. And yet greater things than these hast Thou done for us. Thanks be unto Thee, O Lord, for Thine unspeakable gift, for Christ and His great salvation, for the means of

grace, and for the hope of glory. O Father of mercies, awaken within us a spirit of more hearty thankfulness. Open Thou our mouths, and our lips shall show forth Thy praise.

We come to Thee, O Lord our God, humbly confessing our many sins. We acknowledge our sad shortcomings. When we think of what Thou requirest, and of what we have ourselves promised, we are covered with shame and confusion of face. How little have we done this day for Thy glory, and the good of those around us! How many vain, foolish, angry, or covetous thoughts have been suffered to lodge in our hearts! O Lord, our hope is in Thy mercy alone. We pray for forgiveness only for Christ our Saviour's sake. We have no power of ourselves to help ourselves. Pity us, and pardon us; and heal and cleanse our souls.

And do Thou, O most merciful God, give us more strength to resist temptation, and to follow after godliness. Cleanse Thou us from secret faults. Leave us not to ourselves. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Rather grant that in all things and at all times our hearts may be under His holy rule and guidance.

We bless Thee for Thy word. O give us understanding that we may learn Thy commandments. Let Thy testimonies be our meditation by night and by day. When we are busy about our daily work, may some holy word of precept or promise often come into our minds as a message from Thee; and when we lie awake at night, may our hearts be occupied with Thy statutes.

To Thee, O Lord, we now humbly commit ourselves. Defend us and all whom we love from every danger. Beneath Thy fatherly care may we be quiet

from fear of evil. And when the night of death comes, may we fall asleep in Jesus, in bright and blessed hope of a joyful resurrection. These things we ask in the name of our great Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

BOW down Thine ear, O Lord, hear us, for we are poor and needy. Be merciful unto us, O Lord, for we cry unto Thee daily. Every day we have fresh cause to bless and praise Thee for all Thy mercies. Every day too we have need to seek afresh Thy help and grace; for we cannot stand, except Thou holdest us up; we cannot make progress heavenward, except Thou leadest us on. Show us this day the way we should walk in, for we lift up our souls unto Thee. Make us truly anxious in all things to please Thee.

In Thy good Providence, Thou, O Lord, hast brought us together in one dwelling. May we live together in love and unity. Let no root of bitterness

spring up amongst us to trouble us. May all malice, and evil-speaking, and lying, and slandering, be put far away from us. May we all faithfully fulfil our duties as in Thy sight.

O God, unto Whom all hearts are open, deal mercifully with each of us according to our dangers and our necessities. If our hearts are hard, do Thou soften them. If our wills are stubborn, do Thou subdue them. If our faith is weak, do Thou strengthen it. If our fears are many, do Thou dispel them. And, O let none of us be ignorant of Christ. Let not one of us have a heart unwashed by His precious blood, and unsanctified by Thy Holy Spirit. Stablish, strengthen, and build up those who know Thee, and make us all to rejoice in Thy great salvation.

We pray for a blessing, O Lord, upon those of our relatives and friends who are far away. O Good Shepherd, gather them

all, we beseech Thee, into Thy fold. Bless our country. Save us, O God, from famine and pestilence, from war without and rebellion within. And as we are favoured above all nations, so grant that we above all others may hallow Thy name and Thy sabbaths, and be the means of spreading Thy truth throughout the world. Hear us, O merciful Father, for Thy dear Son's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Tuesday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, in whose sight the very heavens are not clean, and who chargest Thine angels with folly, we are utterly unworthy to come into Thy presence, or to ask Thee for any blessing. But Thou hast bidden us to draw nigh to Thee. Thou hast opened for us a way to Thy mercy-seat, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. For His sake, O Lord, hear us, and when Thou hearest, forgive and bless us.

Through another day we have been preserved by Thy kind Providence, and blest by Thy bounty. For our daily bread, O Lord, we thank Thee. We praise Thy holy Name for the religious privileges and means of instruction with which we are favoured. Especially do we

offer unto Thee our hearty thanksgivings for Thy holy word, given to us to light our path through this dark world.

O God, who hast most graciously bestowed upon us that word, give us, we humbly pray Thee, a right and profitable understanding of it. With deep humility and reverence, with the teachableness of little children, may we read and hear it. That which we see not, teach Thou us. Let Thy word always be a word in season to us. O most gracious Spirit, by whose inspiration holy men of God were moved to write it, guide us, we pray Thee, into all truth. Make known to us the great and precious things of Thy word; and may we see in its sacred pages that Saviour of whom it is Thy great work to testify.

We pray Thee, O most merciful God and Father, to pardon all in which we have this day displeased Thee. We are

poor, weak, forgetful, and unprofitable creatures, soon drawn away from Thee by earthly cares and vanities, and the deceitfulness of our own hearts. O Lord, pardon our many sins and shortcomings. May we now lie down on our beds comforted with a sense of Thy pardoning mercy, and resting in peace beneath Thy fatherly care.

O Thou who art a God afar off as well as nigh at hand, watch over our absent friends this night. All their wants and troubles are known to Thee. Give them Thy peace. Lead them in Thy way. Upon them and upon us pour out Thy heavenly blessing, now and for ever, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is

in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us all now and evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Morning.

O LORD, give ear to our words. Hearken unto the voice of our cry, our King and our God, for unto Thee do we pray. Our voices shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will we direct our prayer unto Thee, and will look up. We come into Thy presence as a family to thank Thee for Thy tender love and Thy fatherly care. We have passed the night in peace and safety. Thou hast suffered no plague or evil to come nigh our dwelling. With each new day new mercies are showered down upon us. O may each one of our hearts lift up to Thee its morning sacrifice of thankfulness and praise.

And now, O Lord, except we have Thy presence, protection, and blessing, what

good shall life do unto us? O keep us this day, we pray Thee, stedfast in Thy faith and fear. Make clean our hearts within us. Strengthen us to fight against and check the first risings of anger, and of sinful thoughts and desires. Make us to hate vain thoughts, and to love and meditate in Thy law. Let Thy statutes be our delight and our counsellors.

O Thou God of truth, unto whom lying lips are an abomination, and who requirest truth in the inward parts, keep, we beseech Thee, our tongues from evil, and our lips from speaking guile. Put far away from us all deceit and hypocrisy. May we always speak the truth in love. May we be just and upright in all our dealings.

Give us, O Lord, a right judgment in all things. Give us that heavenly wisdom which Thou hast so graciously promised to bestow upon those who ask it. Enable us all to see clearly the path of duty before us

this day, and make us willing with holy self-denial to walk in it.

We ask, O most merciful Father, that we may at all times have the teaching and guidance of Thy Holy Spirit. In all our earthly labours, as well as in our acts of worship, may we seek Thy glory. O help us by Thy grace to live as the redeemed of the Lord, who have Thee for their Father, and the Holy Spirit as their Sanctifier and Comforter.

We pray for all dear to us. Keep, and defend, and bless them this day. We pray for those who administer our laws. May they rule and govern in Thy fear. We pray for that portion of Thy Church to which we belong. May peace be within her walls. May she be the honoured instrument of bringing many into Thy fold.

O Lord, hear; O Lord, hearken and do; not for our sake, but according to

the multitude of Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, in whose hand is our breath, and whose are all our ways, we come to thank Thee for Thy merciful preservation of us through another day. We know not, in our utter ignorance of things unseen, the dangers that surround us by night and by day. We know not how often there is but a step between us and death. But all is known to Thee; and Thy gracious hand has often turned away from us the danger which Thine eye alone could see. We praise Thee then, O Lord our God, who redeemest our lives from destruction, and crownest us with mercy and loving-kindness.

O Thou, who art slow to anger and plenteous in mercy, pardon, we humbly

pray Thee, for Christ's sake, all our sins, negligences, and ignorances. Blot them all out of the book of Thy remembrance. Enter not into judgment with us on account of them. There is forgiveness with Thee. May we hear Thy gracious voice saying to us, as we penitently confess our sins, 'Be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven thee.'

In every time of need and trouble be Thou, O God, a very present help. Sanctify to us all Thy fatherly chastisements. We know that Thou dost not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men. Thou chastenest us for our profit, to make us partakers of Thy holiness. Teach us then, O Lord our God, to profit by all Thy dealings with us. Subdue every proud and stubborn thought within us. May our wills be conformed to Thine. When we are called to suffer may we trust and be still. When the night of

heaviness is upon us may we be enabled patiently to wait for the morning of joy.

O most merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, receive and comfort us who are wearied with the burden of our sins. Blessed Saviour, who callest the weary and heavy-laden unto Thee, give us the rest which Thou alone canst give. Lord, we believe; help Thou our unbelief. Of Thy great mercy scatter all our doubts and fears, and shed abroad in our hearts the comforts of Thy good Spirit, that we may have joy and peace in believing.

Take this household under thy care this night. Be pleased to give us all refreshing sleep. May our minds be peaceful. And may our waking thoughts be thoughts of praise. These things we humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Morning.

O GOD, Thou art our God; early will we seek Thee. Before we go forth to the duties and dangers of another day we come to Thee, praying Thee to guide, support, and defend us. Show us this day what Thou wouldst have us to do, and make us in all things ready to obey Thy holy will. Our hearts are all open to Thee, and Thou knowest exactly what sins most easily beset us, and what temptations are most likely to overcome us. Lord, suit Thy mercy to our need. Hold Thou us up and we shall be safe. Make us watchful unto prayer. Deliver us from pride and self-confidence, and grant us grace to walk humbly with Thee, our God.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast given

unto us a new commandment, that we should love one another, give us more of Thine own mind and spirit. May all strife and vain-glory be put far from us. In lowliness of mind may we esteem others better than ourselves. Thou, O blessed Saviour, didst not please Thyself; O that we may copy Thy bright example, and look not on our own things but on those of others, and try to bear, and so to lighten, their burdens.

We pray, O Lord, for Thy help and guidance in the duties of this day; may we spend it as we ought. Let not one of us by act or word put a stumbling-block in a brother's way. We are called by Thy name; suffer us not in *words* to honour Thee, and in *works* to deny Thee. Make us truly and wholly Thine. May we exercise ourselves to have a conscience void of offence towards Thee and towards men.

We pray Thee, O most merciful Father, to bless our country. Very great are the mercies and privileges which Thou hast bestowed upon us as a nation; O let us not be stubborn and unthankful. May true religion flourish amongst us, and all nations see that our land is one which Thou hast blest.

Take us, and all whom we love under Thy gracious care to-day. Keep us outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the

kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all now and evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening.

FATHER of mercies, Giver of every good gift, graciously behold us, Thy servants, who come to thank Thee for the blessings of another day. Thou hast borne most patiently with us, whilst we have too often provoked Thee. Thou hast fed us with food convenient for us, whilst we have too often forgotten Thee. We praise Thee for Thy wonderful pity and forbearance, for the bounties of Thy good Providence, and the blessings of Thy grace. With our *lips* would we praise Thee, O Lord our God, day by day; in our *lives* may we glorify and serve Thee.

O Thou who hast so mercifully provided for us means of grace, and opportunities of instruction, withhold not from us that light and teaching of Thy Holy Spirit, which

alone can make them profitable to us. When we read Thy holy word, may we hear Thee speaking to us from heaven. When we hear Thy gospel preached, may it come to us with power, and the Holy Ghost, and much assurance. In all our intercourse with those who fear Thee, may their words and their example be made a blessing to us.

Deliver us, O Lord, we humbly pray Thee, from pride and self-sufficiency. Make us humble and lowly. May we distrust ourselves, and look to Thee alone for guidance and wisdom. We are at best most unprofitable servants. O forgive our many sins. Heal our backslidings. Pity our infirmities. Deliver us from every snare and temptation of the wicked one. Let us not be ignorant of *his* devices or of *our own* weakness. Make us strong in Thee and in the power of Thy might.

We pray Thee, O Lord our God, to

take us all under Thy gracious care this night. Do Thou, whose hands have made and fashioned us, give to our wearied bodies the peaceful rest and sleep which they need. And since Thou alone searchest the heart, and orderest the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, calm our minds; cleanse our thoughts; draw our affections heavenwards. Let the love of Christ be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost given to us, so that, as we lie down to rest, and when we wake up again, our souls may be lifted up in love and adoration to our merciful Redeemer. Those mercies which we ask for ourselves we ask also for all who are dear to us, and we commit them and ourselves to Thy holy keeping through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom

come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us, and lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

O GOD, our Father, Thy goodness gives us another day, and we come together to praise Thee for it, and to ask for grace to enable us to spend it aright. May we faithfully fulfil the duties which lie before us. May we successfully overcome the temptations which we meet with. O Lord, keep us this day from sin. Let us not provoke one another to wrath. Let us not harden any friend or companion in sin. Let not any one of us carelessly wound another's heart. Make us kind and tender-hearted one to another. May we keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

O Lord, who didst give Thy dear Son to die for us, keep us ever mindful of the exceeding great price which was paid for our redemption. May we never think

lightly of the sins by which Christ our Lord was pierced. And, O most merciful Saviour, who, for us men and our salvation, wast content to be mocked and scourged, to bleed and die, may all Thy purposes of love in suffering for us be accomplished. By Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy cross and passion, good Lord deliver us: from all blindness of heart, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil; from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word and commandment.

O most merciful Father, Thou hast been very good to us. Continue Thy loving-kindness to us. Still bear patiently with us, Thy weak and wayward children. Leave us not, neither forsake us, O God of our salvation. Draw us, and we shall run after Thee. Enlarge our hearts, that we may run in the way of Thy commandments.

We pray for Thy rich and abundant blessing upon all who preach the gospel to the heathen. Support and guide all Thy faithful missionaries. Cheer and comfort them in troubles and difficulties. Make them instruments of turning many from darkness to light, from the power of Satan unto Thee. And look with compassion upon Thine ancient people Israel. O Lord, Thy threatenings have been fulfilled upon them on account of their rebellion and sin; now let Thy gracious promises be accomplished on their behalf. Let them no longer remain in stubborn unbelief. Let the receiving of them be as life from the dead. Teach us to pity them, and care for them, and pray for them. May our hearts be filled with tender compassion for all who are ignorant of Christ, or reject Him. And O hasten the glorious time when Jews and Gentiles shall acknowledge one common Saviour, and there shall be one fold and

one Shepherd. Hear, O Lord, our supplications, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake.

Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Friday Evening.

O GREAT and glorious God, who dwellest in the high and holy place, and yet lookest down with mercy on us, Thy weak and sinful children on earth; be pleased, we beseech Thee, favourably to receive our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise. We thank Thee heartily for the mercies of this day. O Lord, we do not deserve any blessing at Thy hands. With shame and sorrow we confess that much of our life has been wasted in self-pleasing and sin. Thy love has been unthankfully forgotten. Our own solemn promises have been often broken. Thy holy word has been sadly neglected. Thou hast done great things for us, and we have been too often careless about pleasing Thee. For all our many transgressions

and shortcomings we would humble ourselves before Thee. Lord, we are vile and sinful, have mercy upon us for Jesus' sake.

And do Thou, O Lord, whose name is Holy, make us holy. This is Thy will, even our sanctification. Fulfil in us all the good pleasure of Thy will. Make clean our hearts within us. Purge our consciences from dead works, that we may serve Thee the living God. Make us to love Thy holy word more, and understand it better. And may the reading of that word, and all the means of grace provided for us, be effectual for our edification and our instruction in righteousness.

We pray Thee now, O Lord our God, to take this family under Thy fatherly care. O that each member of it may be not only preserved by Thy kind Providence, but also taught and sanctified by Thy Spirit. May we who meet from time to time at

Thy mercy-seat, so live together in this life that in the world to come we may all be united in life everlasting.

Through the hours of darkness do Thou watch over us. May our sleep be sweet, and our waking thoughts be full of thankfulness. Hear us, O Lord, we humbly pray Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Saturday Morning.

O GOD, the King of glory, who art exalted above the heavens, we are utterly unworthy to approach Thee, or to take Thy great and holy name into our lips. But Thou in great mercy and condescension biddest us to draw nigh. Thou hast opened a way by which we may come with boldness and with confidence unto Thee. Lord, we come in the name of Him whom Thou hearest always. We plead the merits and mediation of Christ our Saviour. For His sake shut not Thy merciful ears to our cry; but spare us, and help us, and bless us.

We prayed Thee, O Lord, to keep us through the night; and even as we desired, so hast Thou dealt with us. Thou hast sustained us and made us to dwell in

safety. Permitted once again to meet together in health and peace, we humbly offer up our united praises and thanksgivings unto Thee. Keep us this day stedfast in Thy faith and fear. We are Thine, O Lord, by creation, by redemption, by our own solemn vows and promises, by our admission into Thy Church. O suffer us not then to live as if we were altogether our own. May the love of Christ constrain us to live for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. And for His sake may we try to do good to those for whom He died. Deliver us from selfishness. Give us large hearts. Give us more of that blessed spirit of love, which suffereth long and is kind, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.

We ask for a blessing this day, O Lord, on all who labour in the word and doctrine; more especially for him [*or*, those] who ministers in this parish. As we earnestly

desire to profit by what we hear, so we pray Thee to teach Thy servants, that they may rightly teach us. Lead them on in Thy truth. Reveal to them more and more of the great things of Thy law. May Christ whom they preach be increasingly precious to their own souls. Refresh and comfort them, that with power and fervour they may plead for Thee with men. Help them to bring forth from the treasures of Thy word things good for the use of edifying, both new and old. Send forth, O Thou Lord of the harvest, more faithful labourers into Thy harvest. And as Thou gatherest continually Thy wheat into Thy heavenly garner, let new fields stand ready for the reaping.

Favourably regard, O Lord, this family. May we all, young and old, know and love Thee. May Thy peace dwell amongst us, and fill each heart. Pity our infirmities. Pardon all our sins. Supply all our need.

This we ask for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore *Amen.*

Saturday Evening.

O MOST merciful Father, Thy kind Providence has brought us to the close of another week. We have come one week nearer to the judgment-seat of Christ, and to a great eternity. May the thought solemnize all our minds. O teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto heavenly wisdom. May we so consider our latter end as carefully to prepare for it. Let us not live in vain. Thou hast formed us for Thyself, to show forth Thy praise and to live to Thy glory. O suffer us not to rob Thee of Thy due. Incline and enable us to give ourselves sincerely to Thee, to serve and honour Thee.

We implore Thy forgiveness, O Lord our God, for the many sins which we have committed in the course of this week.

All have been known and marked by Thee. To us belong shame and confusion of face on account of them; but to Thee, our God, belong mercies and forgivenesses though we have rebelled against Thee. Spare us then, O Lord our God; spare Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. Enter not into judgment with us. Deal not with us after our sins. Assure us of Thy pardoning mercy, that we may have peace in our hearts, and rejoice in God our Saviour.

And now that we are drawing near to another Sabbath, may it be with devout and hearty thankfulness that we look forward to Thy day of holy rest. O Lord, Thou knowest how careful and troubled we are about earthly things. Thou knowest how anxiety about the concerns of this world weakens our faith, and darkens our hope, and makes our love grow cold. And therefore hast Thou in great mercy separated one day in the week for Thyself, and

given it to us to be a holy resting-time. O Lord, make Thine own day to us all that Thou hast meant it to be. Fit us for its happy services. Let us not wrong our own souls and dishonour Thee, by bringing earthly cares and labours into Thy day of rest.

We bear on our hearts before Thee our beloved friends and relatives. Thine eye is now upon them; let Thy love comfort them; let Thy sweet peace fill their hearts. Hear our prayers for them; and help them to pray for us. And on the morrow, if we are all spared, may their prayers and praises be joined with ours to one God and Father.

O Lord, we wait for Thy salvation. May we serve Thee faithfully in our generation, and when we come to *die*. may we find death without a sting. Or if the Lord should come before death, may we be found ready, looking with joyful hope for the glorious appearing of

our great God and Saviour, in whose name alone we ask these mercies, and to whom with the Father, and the Holy Spirit be ascribed all honour and glory for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SEVENTH WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

O LORD our God, this is the day that Thou hast sanctified and blest; may it be a day of blessing to all our souls. It is of Thy great mercy that we are spared to see another Sabbath. May we spend it profitably, and serve Thee with devout and thankful hearts.

We are called to Thy house of prayer. O Lord, meet us there and bless us. Let not our thoughts be wandering, and our hearts be cold. May we deeply feel that Thou art in the midst of Thy worshipping people; that Thou searchest the hearts, and knowest those who truly and earnestly seek Thee. When we confess

our sins, may we feel the shame and burden of them; when we ask for spiritual blessings, may it be with a sincere desire to obtain them. When we hear Thy word, do Thou, O Lord, Thyself speak to us by Thy messengers, and let Thy voice reach and move our hearts. May we learn this day some fresh lessons from Thee. May we make some progress heavenward. Lead us in Thy truth and teach us, for Thou art the God of our salvation; on Thee do we wait on this Thine own holy day.

Assist us in our private meditations and prayers as well as in public worship. Let what we read that is in agreement with Thy word, as well as what we hear, be made profitable to us. And if any among us or among our friends be kept by sickness from Thy house, be Thou to them a little sanctuary, and give them happy thoughts of Christ and of the rest

which He is gone to prepare for His people.

Bless, O Lord, abundantly all Thy ministers. Let great grace be upon them. Let the good seed of the kingdom be widely and faithfully sown to-day, and find many a heart prepared to receive it. Awaken, O Lord, many careless ones, and comfort and strengthen all who know and love Thee. O Good Shepherd, we pray for a blessing upon the lambs of Thy flock this day. Give grace to all teachers in Sunday Schools tenderly and patiently to teach those under their care; and may those who are taught be led early to seek, and to find, Thee. Hear, O Lord, we beseech Thee, our supplications, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

MOST gracious God, we come, before we lie down to rest, to thank Thee for the mercies of this Sabbath. In peace and quietness we have worshipped Thee this day. Once again the glad tidings of the gospel have sounded in our ears, and with tens of thousands of Thy people throughout the world we have lifted up our voices to the God of our salvation. We thank Thee for all that we have heard and learnt this day of Jesus and His love.

O Lord, pardon, we humbly beseech Thee, all that offended Thee in our public worship or our private meditations. How cold are our hearts towards Thee! How dark and dull are our understandings! How weak is our faith! When we would do good evil is present with us. Forgive,

O most merciful Father, the sins which we have committed in Thy house, and beneath Thine eye. Forgive our heartless prayers and our formal praises.

Grant us, O Lord, Thy quickening, sanctifying grace. May Thy Holy Spirit fix in our minds and memories whatever we have learnt this day that was true and holy. May our profiting appear unto all men. May Christ and His great salvation be increasingly precious to us. Help us to look by faith beyond and above those things which are seen, and which are temporal, to that eternal inheritance which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee.

Deal mercifully, O God, with all hearts in which Thou hast this day awakened concern as to the salvation of their souls. Comfort the sorrowful. Cheer the downcast. Guide the wandering. Strengthen the weak. And if amongst us there is one who this day has offered no real

prayer, and felt no hope, or love, or holy fear, in great mercy arouse the slumberer, and bring that stubborn heart to true repentance.

Bless all our dear friends. Let holy peace fill their minds and ours. May we now lie down, calm and thankful, and take our rest; and do Thou, Lord, make us to dwell in safety, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Morning.

O LORD our God, Thy mercies are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. We come into Thy presence with the voice of praise and thanksgiving, rejoicing in Thy goodness, and giving thanks to Thee for all Thy loving-kindness.

We have entered upon the labours of another week. O Lord, let not our earthly cares and employments draw us away from Thee, and make us forgetful of Thee. Thou hast appointed unto us the bounds of our habitation, may we be contented with the position in which Thy good Providence has placed us. May we serve Thee with cheerful and thankful hearts. Whatsoever our hand findeth to do for

Thee, or for our fellow-creatures, may we do it heartily as unto the Lord.

Keep us ever mindful of the great price paid for our redemption. Help us to live as those whom Christ has purchased and made free. Suffer us not this day to offend with our tongues. Give us more of that blessed charity which hideth a multitude of sins. Make us more like Him whose disciples we profess to be.

Let Thy blessing rest upon every member of this family. Knit us together in brotherly love. May we all seek each other's good. May we all, in our appointed stations, faithfully fulfil the duties allotted to us.

Look with Thy favour upon our country. We are blest above other lands; may Thy word sound forth from our shores, and our light shine in all the world, to the glory of Thy great name. Prosper all efforts for the spread of Thy

truth in heathen lands, and fill our hearts with love and pity towards those who are in darkness and error.

Make us all anxious for the spiritual welfare of those around us. As we have opportunity, may we endeavour to do them good; not being weary in well-doing, but relying upon Thy promise that in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Help us to speak words in season to any who are in danger and trouble. And give to us, we humbly pray Thee, in our times of need, faithful and wise friends, who may warn or comfort us.

Hear, O Lord, our supplications for ourselves and others, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Evening.

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we, who are dust and ashes in Thy sight, have taken upon ourselves to speak to Thee. We come to Thee in Thine own appointed way, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. Hear us, O Lord, and help and bless us, for His sake.

For the mercies of another day we humbly and heartily thank Thee. Thy goodness has provided for our wants; and Thy gracious Providence has protected us. We have had Thy holy word to teach, and guide, and comfort us; and we have been permitted in every moment of need to come to Thee for help in prayer.

For all that we have received, O Lord, we praise Thee. For all that we yet need,

help us more entirely to trust Thee. Lord, increase our faith; help our unbelief. Enable us more simply to believe Thy promises, and to rely upon Thy love.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to pardon all that this day we have done amiss. In many things we have offended Thee. We have failed to do the good which we meant to do, when we arose this morning from our beds. We have fallen into many of those sins which we hoped to escape. God be merciful to us, and give us power to resist evil. Let not our transgressions separate us from Thee. Hide Thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities; and upon us, Thine unworthy children, lift up Thy reconciled countenance, and comfort us with Thy pardoning love.

Lord, our hearts are often disquieted and burdened with earthly cares. O help us, according to Thine own command, to cast our care upon Thee.

Help us to redeem the time, ever remembering that the night of death is fast approaching, when we can work no more. Pardon all our mis-spent hours and lost opportunities; and let what remains of our lives be more heartily consecrated to Thy service.

Grant us this night quiet rest and sleep; or, if we lie wakeful upon our beds, may we commune with our hearts of high and holy things; and do Thou, O God, give us Thy peace. Take this family now and ever beneath Thy sheltering wings, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that

trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us: the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

O LORD, most High, most Holy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour we humbly approach Thee. It is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed, and because Thy compassions fail not. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we magnify Thy name, for the goodness and mercy which have followed us all our lives, and for the blessings which surround us at the opening of another day.

Give us, O our God, hearts to fear Thee at all times, and to walk in Thy way. Thou knowest our griefs, our weaknesses, and our besetting sins; grant us the help and comfort that we need. Grant to each of us grace and heavenly wisdom.

Pity, O most merciful Father, our ignorance, and teach us more perfectly the

way of Thy commandments. Pity our helplessness, and make us strong in Thee, and in the power of Thy might. Our enemies are many, make us to know and feel that Thou art on our side to help us. Do Thou root out of us all unbelief, all pride, and all corrupt affections. Make us humble, pure, and holy.

When we read Thy word, Lord, be Thou our Teacher. When we kneel before Thee in prayer, Lord, help us to pray aright, and graciously accept our petitions. When we meet with temptation, Lord, strengthen us to resist and overcome it. Thou hast given to us all our work to do; make us contented and thankful, and ready to serve Thee in the way which Thou hast appointed.

O most merciful Redeemer, whose blood was shed for us, let that blood purge our consciences and fit us for Thy blessed service. Let Thy great love to us draw forth

our thankful love to Thee. Jesus, Master, have mercy on us, and make us wholly Thine.

Through this day be Thou, O Lord, our Keeper and Defender. Make us a holy, happy, and united family, walking in love, and striving with one mind and one mouth to glorify Thee. Pour out Thy best blessings upon all who are near and dear to us; gather them all into the number of Thy true and faithful servants, and bring them with us at length to Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but

deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Bless this family. Unite us all in brotherly love. Let no root of bitterness springing up among us trouble us. Let no hard words be spoken, or evil tempers shown, by us. May we learn to bear one another's burdens, and provoke one another to nothing but love and good works.

We pray for our Queen, that her throne may be established in righteousness. We pray for our Church, that she may be like a city that is at unity in itself. Let her ministers be zealous and faithful, and her members obedient to the truth.

Take us all this day, O Lord, under Thy gracious care. Bless and keep us in our going out and our coming in, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is

in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for all Thy mercies to us. Through this day we have again experienced Thy loving-kindness. Before we lie down to rest we would lift up our hearts in praise to Thee.

Whilst Thou, O Lord, art so good to us, we are constrained to acknowledge that we are too often forgetful of Thee. For the sins of the past day we humbly implore forgiveness. May the recollection of our faults and short-comings keep us humble, and make us watchful unto prayer.

O God, may we be followers of Thee as dear children. May we walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us. Make us pure within. May Thy Holy Spirit work so mightily upon

our hearts, that under His holy influence we may bring forth fruits of righteousness to Thy praise and glory.

Teach us to love Thy holy word. May we read it reverently and with teachable hearts. May we by Thy holy Scriptures be made wise unto salvation. Speak to us, O Lord, through Thine own word, and give us grace humbly to hear and willingly to obey.

Lord, increase our faith. Help us to rest all our hope on Christ alone. Deliver us from all self-righteousness and pride, and make us to know and feel that in the Lord alone have we righteousness and strength.

Let Thy blessing rest upon this family. [May the dear children grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. May the servants faithfully serve the Lord Christ.] May we all by Thy grace endeavour to walk with one heart and mind in Thy ways.

Pour Thine abundant blessing upon all our absent relatives and friends. Make them and us to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting. Guide us, O God, continually. Suffer us not to wander from Thee. May we walk humbly and watchfully in Thy ways. Through the hours of darkness be Thou, O Lord, our shield and defender, and may the morning, when it awakes us, find us ready to show forth Thy praise. We ask these mercies in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for

Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Morning.

O MOST gracious and merciful Father, who dwellest in the highest heavens, and yet lookest with mercy on us, Thy sinful children; accept, we pray Thee, for Christ's sake, our morning sacrifice of praise.

Thou art great; we worship Thee and give Thee glory. Thou art good; O Lord, may we trust and love Thee. The light of another day shines upon us, and we have fresh duties to fulfil, fresh dangers to encounter, fresh trials to bear. We come to Thee, asking for the grace, and strength, and wisdom, which we so greatly need. In all that we have to do make us diligent and faithful. When temptation comes upon us, make us strong in Thee and

in the power of Thy might. In trials and difficulties make us patient and hopeful.

O Thou God of truth, make us true and upright in all our words and actions. May all deceitfulness and guile be put far away from us. May we speak the truth in love. May lying lips be an abomination to us, as they are to Thee. O Thou heart-searching God, cleanse Thou us from secret faults. Let no iniquity have dominion over us. From all covetousness, discontent, and unthankfulness, good Lord, deliver us!

Let the remembrance of Thy love to us, in Christ Jesus, be ever present with us. Thy vows, O Lord, are upon us. Redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, and baptized into His holy name, may we feel that we are not our own. May we live not for ourselves, but for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Bless this parish. May true religion flourish amongst us. May the old leaven of malice and wickedness be more and more purged out. Help us all to do some good here. Make us useful. May we help and not hinder in any way Thy work and Thy cause in this place. Bless him [or *those*] who ministers amongst us in holy things. Enable him to abound in the work of the Lord, and do Thou crown his labours with success. Lord, hear, accept, and bless us, for the sake of our Redeemer.

Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the

kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening.

O THOU that dwellest in the heavens, unto Thee do we lift up our hearts. Though Thou art so highly exalted, yet Thou art not a God afar off, for Thou art nigh to all that call upon Thee in truth. O may our evening prayer rise to Thee from sincere and earnest hearts.

For the blessings of another day we praise Thee, O our God. Thou art kind even to the unthankful and evil. Thou dost never forget us, though we are too often forgetful of Thee. Make us to feel more deeply our unworthiness. Make us more heartily thankful for all Thy loving-kindness. O Lord, open Thou our lips, touch Thou our hearts, and our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

We humbly confess to Thee, O Lord,

the sins and short-comings of another day. We have not served Thee as we ought, or even as we ourselves hoped to do. We have come far short of our own intentions, as well as of Thy requirements. We have often spoken unadvisedly with our lips. We have sought our own ease and advantage, more than Thy glory and the good of our fellow-men. We have not used our talents as we ought to have done. And in our inmost hearts, Thou, O Lord, hast seen much of corruption, worldliness, and unbelief. O God, be merciful to us, and forgive us all our sins. Receive and comfort us who are wearied with the burden of our transgressions. Speak peace to our consciences. Assure us that our sins are blotted out for Christ's sake.

And do Thou, O Lord, subdue sin within us. Let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose the chains of every entangling sin. May we enjoy the true liberty with

which Christ makes His people free. Being delivered from the bondage of sin, may we have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Through this night give, O Lord, Thine angels charge concerning us, to watch about our bed. Keep far from us the tempter with his evil suggestions. Calm our minds. Let every anxious and disquieting thought be put away; and may our hearts rise in hope, and love, and thankfulness to Thee. Take under Thy gracious care all who are dear to us. Be near them and with them, especially in times of trouble and temptation, and in the hour of death. And of Thy great mercy lead them and us safely through all the changes and chances of this mortal life, to that rest which Thou hast prepared for Thy people, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

LORD, hear our prayer, and let our cry come with acceptance unto Thee. We do not presume to offer up unto Thee our supplications, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies shown to us in Christ our Saviour. Hear and answer us, O our God, for His name's sake.

Thou hast once again refreshed us with rest and sleep. Again Thy love has renewed our lives and our strength. We come to Thee, praying for the help of Thy grace to enable us to spend our lives according to Thy holy will. Keep us this day without sin. May we be in Thy fear all the day long.

Teach us, O Lord, so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto

wisdom. Let none of us put off the work of seeking Thee until it be too late to find Thee. Make us all truly anxious about the salvation of our souls. And since we are called by Thy name, and are bound by solemn vows and promises to serve Thee, suffer us not to bring a reproach upon our Christian profession by a life of worldliness and sin.

Give to us, we humbly pray Thee, more of the mind that was in Christ. Make us gentle and forbearing, patient and pitiful. Let us not seek our own profit only, but also the welfare of others. O Lord our God, keep and deliver us from selfishness, from pride and vainglory, from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Let Thy holy word be our guide and counsellor. Let Thy faithful servants be our chosen companions; and heaven, where Thou art, our longed-for home. And grant that even now our

conversation may be in heaven, and our hearts and treasures there. O Lord, make us heavenly-minded. Help us to seek the things which are above, where Christ sitteth at Thy right hand.

We pray, O Lord, for our country, that it may be blest more and more with the light of Thy gospel, and may be made a blessing to other lands. Prosper the labours of all faithful Missionaries, and of all Societies who send them forth. Let the heathen be given unto Thy dear Son for His inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for His possession. And fill our hearts with pity towards all who are as yet in darkness. Bring many, O God, into Thy marvellous light, and let all whom Thou hast enlightened walk as children of light, to the glory of Thy holy name. These mercies we humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us now and evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Evening.

O LORD, the day is Thine and the night is Thine. Thou hast given us this day the light and the sun; and now Thou makest darkness and it is night. O God, unto whom the darkness and the light are both alike, take us, Thy poor, weak, helpless creatures, under Thy care to-night.

Through another day goodness and mercy have followed us. We offer up to Thee, O Lord, our humble praise for health and strength, peace and quietness, for family comforts, and family love. We thank Thee for work to do, and power to do it. We thank Thee for the light of Thy gospel, and for all the means of grace provided for us. And as we are dying creatures, we bless and praise Thee for that

great work of redemption which takes from death its sting and bitterness. O Lord, may all Thy goodness to us bind our hearts in thankfulness to Thee.

We pray Thee, O God of peace, to beat down Satan under our feet. Help us to resist him, stedfast in the faith. Make a way for us to escape out of his temptations. Keep our hearts from being hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Suffer us not to grieve Thy Holy Spirit by giving way to sinful thoughts. May no corrupt communication at any time proceed from our mouths. Make us kind and tender-hearted one to another. If any have wronged us this day, help us to forgive. If we have wronged any, teach us to repent, and to show henceforth more meekness and charity. O make us more like our blessed Lord and Master. Give us more of the mind that was in Him.

Pardon, O Lord, all that we have this

day done that was displeasing to Thee. Thou knowest our sins; O take them all away. Blot them all out. Remember them not against us, for Thy Name's sake. And grant, we pray Thee, that being more and more set free from sin we may serve Thee in holiness of life.

[Bless, O Heavenly Father, the children of this family. Keep them in Thy great mercy from the paths of the destroyer. May they grow up as plants, to our comfort, Thy glory, and the good of Thy Church.]

And now, O Lord, let no evil come near our dwelling this night. Keep us safely whilst we sleep. And when we lie down to wake no more in this world, may we be cheered with the blessed hope of a glorious resurrection, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Saturday Morning.

O GOD, our Father, we come before Thee humbly kneeling at Thy footstool, utterly unworthy to speak to Thee, and trusting for acceptance only to the intercession of our Saviour Christ. Lift up, O Lord, this day, the light of Thy countenance upon us, and bless us.

To Thee, O God, all hearts are open, and Thou knowest all that disturbs or burdens each one of us this morning. Our secret sins and secret fears are all known to Thee. Suit Thy grace to our need. Heal each wounded spirit. Comfort each sorrowful heart. Help us all in faith to cast our care upon Thee. Awaken those amongst us, if there be such, who are careless and indifferent about their souls. Let Thy voice of love

reach and move each thoughtless heart. And do Thou lead all those who are seeking Thee into clearer light, and happier knowledge of Thy love.

Bless, O Lord, we pray Thee, the Bishops and Pastors of Thy flock. Assist this day the prayers and meditations of all Thy servants who are preparing for their great work of preaching on the morrow the gospel of Thy grace. Put thoughts into their minds and words into their mouths, and make them faithful and useful messengers for Thee. Raise up and send forth more labourers into Thy harvest. And to Thy missionary servants in foreign lands grant, O God, Thy special aid, that they may not be cast down by difficulties or led aside by temptation, but may truly and effectually preach Christ to the heathen.

Let not, O Lord our God, earthly cares and employments so take up our minds as to unfit us for the profitable use of Thy

holy Sabbath-day. May we long to see Thy glory and beauty in Thy sanctuary. May we turn thankfully from the things of this world to the contemplation of eternal realities. And do Thou, O Lord, by Thy Spirit help our infirmities, and make us earnest and devout in prayer and praise.

Bless, O God, every member of this family, young and old. Each in our different stations may we serve and honour Thee. And in all our dealings with one another may we speak the truth in love, and show kindness and gentleness in all our actions. Lord, hear our prayers; supply all our need; and graciously accept our praises for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is

in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Saturday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, we draw near to Thee at the close of another week, thanking Thee for all Thy great goodness to us, and humbly confessing to Thee our unprofitableness and sin.

Our days and weeks, O Lord, are very quickly passing away. O let us not live in vain. Made by Thy hand, and preserved by Thy Providence, O give us grace to use our time and talents aright. Help us to do something day by day for Thy glory and the good of our fellow-creatures. Deliver us, O Lord, from selfishness. Enable us to follow more closely the example of Him who pleased not Himself, and came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

We humbly implore Thy forgiveness,

O Lord, for all that we have done amiss during the week now closing. We own with shame and sorrow our short-comings. When at any time we have been stirred up to fresh diligence in working out our salvation, and our cold hearts were warmed with some small measure of love to Thee, how soon have such impressions passed away.

Our goodness, O Lord, is indeed too like the morning cloud and early dew. O do Thou quicken us. Revive Thy work in us. Heal our backslidings. Refresh and comfort us with Thy pardoning mercy. And give us, by the teaching of Thy Holy Spirit, a clearer, fuller view of the love of Christ, that, loving Him with thankful hearts, it may be our delight to confess and serve Him.

And now, O Lord, prepare us for Thy day of holy rest. May calm and peaceful sleep fit us for its services. With joy and thankfulness may we leave for awhile our

earthly labours. And do Thou pour upon us a spirit of grace and supplication. May our souls be athirst for Thee, the living God. May we welcome Thy messages of love. May we enjoy, in public worship and in our private meditations, fellowship with Thee, and with all Thy believing people.

[Especially do Thou, O Lord Jesus, who hast bidden us to commemorate Thy love at Thy holy table, make Thyself known to us in the breaking of bread. Deepen in us true penitence; increase our faith; enlarge our desires; quicken and kindle afresh our love. Knit us and all who kneel with us at Thy table in one bond of holy unity.]

O God, we commit ourselves and all whom we love to Thy holy keeping. Thine eye is ever fixed upon us and them. For them and for ourselves we implore Thy fatherly care. We rejoice to know that, however far they are from us,

they are near to Thee. Pour out upon them and upon us a spirit of grace and supplication, so that we may with one mind approach Thy mercy-seat. And do Thou, O Lord our God, hear us, according to the multitude of Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

EIGHTH WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy people; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our

hearts such love towards Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send upon the Ministers of Thy word Thy heavenly blessing, that they may be clothed with righteousness; and that Thy word spoken by their mouths this day may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of Thy most holy word, or agreeable to the same, as the

means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek Thy glory, and the increase of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whom truly to know is everlasting life. Grant us perfectly to know Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life; that following the steps of Thy holy Apostles, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

When the Holy Communion is to be administered the following Prayer may be used.

WE do not presume to come to Thy Table, O merciful Lord, this day, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious

Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.

Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O GOD, the King of Glory, who hast exalted Thine Only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto Thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech Thee leave us not comfortless; but send to us Thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with

Thee and the Holy Ghost One God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, the giver of all good gifts, who of Thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in Thy Church; give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to all those who are called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faith-

fully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy Great Name, and the benefit of Thy Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's name; we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may be effectually obtained, to the relief of our necessities,

and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us. The Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us; and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

Monday Morning.

Let us pray.

O Lord, save Thy servants,
That put their trust in Thee.
Send unto them help from above,
And evermore mightily defend them.
Help us, O God our Saviour,
And for the glory of Thy name deliver us.
Be merciful to us sinners, for Thy name's sake,
And grant us Thy salvation.
O Lord, hear our prayers,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as

we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech Thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be

made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us this day, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee, mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may

in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace; the Lord be with us in our going out and in our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, from this time forth and for evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Evening.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

(*To be repeated by all.*)

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please

Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto Thy people that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great

mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'

'Let us lift up our hearts, with our hands, unto God in the heavens.'

Let us pray.

(*To be repeated by all.*)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults.

Restore Thou them that are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.
And grant us Thy salvation.
O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.
Endue Thy ministers with righteousness.

And make Thy chosen people joyful.
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy stedfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to

whom Thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by Thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace; the Lord be with us in our going out and in our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, from this time forth and for evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people which call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whom truly to know is everlasting life; grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life; that, following the steps of Thy holy Apostles, we may stedfastly walk in the

way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MERCIFUL LORD, we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of Thy blessed Apostles, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God;

(*To be repeated by all.*)

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high. *Amen.*

Unto Thy gracious mercy and protection, O Lord, we humbly commit ourselves. O Lord, bless us and keep us. O Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. O Lord, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Morning.

(To be repeated by all.)

O GOD the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from Thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain glory, and hypocrisy; from envy,

hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation; by Thy holy nativity and circumcision; by Thy baptism, fasting, and temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to illuminate all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us, that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting sal-

vation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be upon us, and upon all dear to us, now and ever. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

Let us pray.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who hath made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Henceforth world without end.
Lord, hear our prayers,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

(*To be repeated by all.*)

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins, which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The re-

membrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL GOD, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be

converted and live, have mercy upon the heathen and all who are in error. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold, under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we humbly commit ourselves. The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Morning.

'We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.'

'Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.'

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

(*To be repeated by all.*)

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth

to forgive sin. Spare us, therefore, good Lord; spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with Thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners: but so turn Thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we

loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people.

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed upon us;

As we do put our trust in Thee.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in

asking; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening.

Let us pray.

(*To be repeated by all.*)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for

His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas

through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord: to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY LORD and Everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both

our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

Let us pray.

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us;

Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

That it may please Thee to bless and keep all Thy people;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us an heart to love and dread Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give all Thy people increase of grace to hear meekly Thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord

That it may please Thee to preserve all

that travel by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons, and young children; and to show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our

conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us; the Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

Friday Evening.

(*All standing.*)

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY LORD, who art a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Thee, to whom all things in

heaven and earth do bow and obey, be now and evermore our defence, and make us to know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given unto man in whom and through whom we may receive health and salvation, but only in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL GOD, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thine Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's name; we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us, that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant, that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom

come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

Saturday Morning.

'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of Thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great

mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY LORD, who art a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Thee, to whom all things in heaven and earth do bow and obey, be now and evermore our defence, and make us to know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given unto men, in whom and through whom we may receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed Thy flock; give grace, we beseech Thee, to all bishops and pastors of Thy Church, that they may diligently preach Thy Word, and duly administer the godly discipline thereof; and grant to the people, that they may obediently follow the same; that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Saturday Evening.

Let us pray.

O Lord, open Thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy stedfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD JESU CHRIST, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an

acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels, send down upon our Bishops and Curates, and all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be

defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS,

To be introduced into the ordinary Prayers for the day.

For Christmas Day.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who wast as on this day born at Bethlehem, we thank Thee that Thou hast come into the world to save us. We praise Thee for that exceeding love which led Thee to leave the glories of heaven, and to come and dwell among us. Though Thou wast rich, yet for our sakes Thou didst become poor, that we through Thy poverty might be rich. O that a feeling of joy and gratitude may fill our hearts.

What shall we render unto Thee, O Saviour, for all that Thou hast done for us? Enable us to love Thee; and give

us grace to become Thy true and faithful followers. Warm our cold hearts, and tune them for Thy happy service. Help us especially this day at Thy holy Table to give ourselves afresh to Thee, Who for us men and for our salvation didst come down from Heaven. Blessed Jesus, be Thou our portion. Draw our hearts to Thyself. Make us to enjoy that peace which belongs to Thy people. May we daily endeavour to follow the bright example of Thy spotless life; and may we look to Thy cross as the only refuge of our souls. Grant this for Thine own name's sake. *Amen.*

Or this.

O MOST merciful Redeemer, God manifest in the flesh, who for us men and for our salvation camest down from heaven, we offer up to Thee this day our hearty praises; we bless Thy holy name,

who didst remember us in our low and lost estate because Thy mercy endureth for ever.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst condescend to become a little child to save us, make us as little children, in meekness, teachableness, and humility. Fill all our hearts with thankful love to Thee. Thy holy Church throughout all the world will this day joyfully praise and acknowledge Thee. O gracious Saviour, may our souls be lifted up in faith, and hope, and love, to Thee. With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, as well as with all the faithful on earth, may we show forth Thy praise. And as Thou didst become the Son of man that we might be sons of God and heirs of heaven, grant us, we pray Thee, the Spirit of adoption; and make us followers of Thee as dear and obedient children. In Thy house, and at Thy holy table, may

we offer up to Thee our humble and hearty thanksgiving, and give ourselves to Thy service, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For New-Year's Day.

O LORD, we desire to own Thy exceeding love and mercy in having spared us to the beginning of a new year. When we look back on the past, there is much indeed to fill us with shame and trembling. How poorly have we served Thee! How often have we dishonoured Thee! We come to Thee, O Saviour, with all our sins. To Thy cross we look as our only refuge. O grant that Thy blood which was shed there may wash away all our guilt.

May we this day be reminded how

quickly time is passing by, never to return. O that, while life is spared to us, we may feel the preciousness of every moment, and spend it earnestly in Thy service.

O heavenly Father, enable us to be more entirely Thine during this new year, on which we are this day entering. We desire solemnly to surrender ourselves to Thee. If we have hitherto lived to the world, may we now live to it no longer. If we have loved sin, may we now love it no more. Be Thou our only portion; and may this year be begun, continued, and ended in Thee. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Or this.

O ETERNAL GOD, we Thine unworthy children come to Thee at the opening of another year, imploring Thy blessing. For all Thy goodness to

us, and Thy care over us, through past days and years, we humbly and heartily thank Thee. Most justly mightest Thou have cut us down as cumberers of the ground. Most justly might privileges by which we have too little profited have been altogether taken from us. But we have been mercifully spared. We can still read Thy word, hear Thy gospel preached, and come to Thee in prayer. Father of mercies, we thank and praise Thee for all Thy patience and all Thy love.

And now, O Lord our God, let us not enter upon another year without Thee for our Guide and Helper. Our time is very short: we spend our years as a tale that is told. Help us, O Lord, to redeem the time; and let each day and each year, as they pass away, carry with them a record of something done for Thy glory and for the good of our fellow-creatures. Lord, suffer us not to live in vain. May we all

remember how much depends on the few days we have to spend on earth. May we so pass through things temporal as not finally to lose the blessings that are eternal.

O Thou great Searcher of hearts, Thou knowest us altogether. Let not one of us begin this year and pass through it, as through former years, with a heart unrenewed and with sins unrepented of, without hope, and without God in the world. May we all know Christ as our Saviour, our Hope, our Refuge. Lord, satisfy us with Thy mercy. Blot out all our many transgressions. Heal, and cleanse, and comfort our hearts. Be Thou our shield and hiding-place. We know not what a day may bring forth. But Thou, O Lord, seest all that lies before us. Prepare us for all we have to do or to suffer. In affliction make us patient; in prosperity keep us humble. Make all to

work for our good; and of Thine infinite mercy bring us through all the changes and chances of this life to Thy heavenly kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

For Good Friday.

O MOST holy and blessed Saviour, who didst as on this day bleed upon the cross for our sins, teach us to mourn over our guilt with true sorrow, and to flee to Thee as our only sacrifice. By Thy cross and passion, by Thy precious death and burial, good Lord, deliver us.

O Lord, our iniquities are many and great. We have crucified Thee afresh by our grievous sins. We have opened Thy wounds anew by our transgressions. Pardon us, most loving Saviour, for Thine own sake. Purge us, and we shall be

clean: wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. And do Thou enable us to live no longer to ourselves, but to Thee who hast bought us with such an amazing price. Teach us to draw near to Thee, from day to day, for the pardon of our daily sins. Speak peace, Lord, to our souls; and let Thy blood purge away all our guilt.

Hear us, blessed Lord; and to Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this.

O GOD, who of Thine infinite mercy didst give Thine own dear Son to die for us, look down in pity and compassion upon us, weak and sinful creatures, for whom His precious blood was shed. Let that blood cleanse us from all sin.

Let that death of Christ our Lord be our life.

O holy Jesus, who didst so meekly and patiently endure the contradiction of sinners against Thyself, and for our sakes didst submit to be scourged, and spitted on, and nailed to the shameful cross, may our hearts be melted in godly penitence whilst we think of all Thy sufferings and all Thy love. May the sin which pierced Thee seem more utterly hateful to us. May we be deeply ashamed of our pride and selfishness, and our unwillingness to labour or suffer for Thee. Thou, who wast lifted up on the cross for us, fulfil Thy gracious word, and draw *us*,—draw *thousands* this day,—unto Thyself. Through Thy cross may the world be crucified unto us, and we unto the world. May we, by the help of Thy Spirit, follow the example of Thy patience. May Thy cross be our hope in life,

our refuge in death, and the subject of all our praises in eternity. Unto Thee, who hast loved us and washed us from our sins in Thine own blood, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, we humbly ascribe all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

For Easter Day.

O SAVIOUR of the world, who didst as on this day burst the bonds of death, and rise triumphant from the grave, we thank Thee that Thou hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life. With all Thy Church throughout all the world, may we lift up our praises and thanksgivings unto Thee, in Thy house, and at Thy holy Table.

O Thou who art the resurrection and the life, raise us, we pray Thee, from the

death of sin to a life of righteousness. May we ever be looking upward to that heaven where Thou dwellest; and may our hearts and affections be drawn away from the world, and set on things above. May we live upon Thee day by day, and be united to Thee more and more closely.

O Thou risen and exalted Redeemer, look upon Thy suffering people here on earth. Give us grace patiently to endure unto the end; and as Thou hast prepared a place for us in Thy Father's house, O prepare us day by day for that glorious inheritance. And grant that when Thou, who art our life, shalt appear, we may appear with Thee in glory.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, for Thine own name's sake. *Amen.*

Or this.

O THOU great Captain of our salvation, who, as on this day, didst overcome death, and him that had the power of death, we bow ourselves before Thee, adoring Thy power, and praising Thee for Thy finished work of redemption. All Thy saints bless Thee, O Lord Christ, this day. Upon them that sat in darkness light is sprung up. Shine, O shine, great Sun of righteousness, into all our hearts, that we may not be dark, and dull, and cold, and earthly, on this most joyful day; but may rejoice in Thy salvation, and give thanks with Thine inheritance.

O Saviour, raise us all from the death of sin unto a life of righteousness. Let no soul amongst us remain dead in sin. Let not one of us go on living a life of selfish ungodliness. Quicken us all, and make us alive to Thee.

Be with us, O Lord Jesus, when we hear of Thee, and sing Thy praise, in Thy holy Temple. Especially do Thou make Thyself known to us in the breaking of bread. May our hearts be warmed and our faith strengthened as we kneel at Thy holy Table. May we receive fresh supplies of grace to fit us for daily duties and trials. And when our time here on earth is finished, and we come to die, may we find death without a sting, and lie down in blessed hope of a joyful resurrection; through Thy merits and mediation, who hast died and risen again, and now reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end.

Amen.

For Ascension Day.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, our Master and our King, Who, as on this day didst go up to the right hand of the

Father with power and great glory, look down in mercy upon us Thy weak and unworthy servants.

Thou didst work out for us a perfect redemption, may we all know the blessedness of it. Thou didst lead captivity captive, O Thou great Captain of our salvation, bruise Satan under our feet. Thou hast gone up as our High Priest to plead for us; evermore, O blessed Saviour, make intercession for us. Thou didst purchase for us, and promise to us the gift of the Holy Ghost. O make good Thy Word and pour out that Spirit upon us.

And as Thou art now in heaven may our conversation be there, until Thou shalt come again to change our vile body and fashion it like unto Thy glorious body, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or this.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hast raised from the dead Thy only-begotten Son, and hast exalted Him with power and great glory to Thy right hand; grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that we may all be living members of that body of which Christ is the Head, and that our hearts and treasures may be with Him in heaven.

O Lord Jesus, fulfil to us Thy servants Thine own promise, that, when Thy bodily presence was taken from us, Thou wouldst send down to us Thy Holy Spirit to guide, and teach, and comfort us. May He, according to Thy word, take of Thine and show it unto us; leading us into all truth, and bringing to our remembrance what we have learnt and known of Thee.

O Saviour, where Thou art, there may

we too, in due time, come. And whilst we remain here, may we live as those whose home is in heaven. May our hope and desires be continually drawn upwards, until we see Thee as Thou art, and are changed into Thy glorious likeness. These things we humbly beg for Thy great name's sake. *Amen.*

For Whit Sunday.

O GOD, Thou didst as on this day send down Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy Church, grant that He may rest upon each one of us, to quicken us, to teach us, to guide us, to comfort us, and to make Christ known to us. May His blessed influence be felt in all our hearts; and may He take up His abode within us. Especially when we kneel this day at Thy holy Table may He fill us with increased light and love.

O Thou blessed Spirit, open our eyes to understand the Scriptures, and open our hearts to feel the truths of Thy Word. Help us in our prayers; teach us how to pray. Subdue every sinful inclination within us; and make us holy, as Thou art holy. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us.

O God, we beseech Thee to pour out abundantly of Thy Holy Spirit upon the world at large. May Thy Gospel be spread far and wide. May Thy power be felt in awakening and saving souls. And may there be added to Thy Church daily such as shall be saved. O Lord, revive Thy work; and let Thy life-giving power be felt among us. Grant this, gracious Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Or this.

O FATHER of lights, who, in fulfilment of Thy dear Son's promise, didst send down this day upon Thy waiting people Thy Holy Spirit; behold us with Thy favour, whilst we humbly pray that that promise may be fulfilled *in* and *for* all of us.

O Holy Ghost, Lord and Giver of life, Thou art not straitened; Thy power and Thy love are great as ever. Do Thou then, O Lord, quicken us; strengthen us; teach and comfort us. Assist us in our prayers; enlighten our understandings; sanctify our affections. Reveal to us more of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

O merciful Father, whilst Thy Church were praying for Thy promised gift Thou didst bestow it. This day, whilst we pray, and especially when we draw near to Thy holy Table, let Thy Holy Spirit

be poured out upon us in rich abundance; and may the fruits of His blessed influence be seen and felt in warmer love, brighter hope, and increased holiness of life. Hear us, O Lord our God, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

For a Sick Member of the Family.

O LORD, we desire to commend to Thy special care Thy servant, who is sick in this house. Be with *him* [or *her*] in *his* sickness. Grant that it may be made a time of blessing to *his* soul. Lead *him* to the Saviour; and may *he* find comfort in the midst of trial, and that peace which the world cannot give. We beseech Thee to raise *him* up again, if it be Thy good pleasure. Nevertheless, let Thy dealings with *him* be according to Thy blessed will, and as Thou seest

best for *his* soul. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy dear Son's sake. *Amen.*

Or this.

O MOST merciful Saviour, who in the days of Thy flesh didst in great compassion bear our sicknesses, and didst give health and a cure to the leper, the palsied, the weak and suffering, graciously behold *him* (or *her*) who lies in this house grievously afflicted with sickness. Be pleased, if it seem good to Thee, to ease *his* pain, to renew *his* strength, and to restore *him* again to health; that *he* may once more praise Thee in Thy sanctuary. Keep *his* mind in peace. Preserve *him* from all impatient murmuring thoughts. Sanctify to *his* good this Thy fatherly chastisement. Say unto *him*, as Thou didst say in days of old to a poor sufferer, 'Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee.'

O God, Thou dost not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men. Like as a father pitieth his children, so dost Thou pity us. We pray Thee, then, to help and pity Thy servant who is sick. Make Thou all *his* bed in *his* sickness. Comfort *his* heart with happy thoughts of the love of Christ, and with bright hopes of good things to come. And when patience has had its perfect work, give *him* a happy issue out of *his* afflictions; if not here, in that blessed kingdom where there shall be no more sickness or sin. We ask this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For a Baptism in the Family.

O LORD, we ask an especial blessing on behalf of that little one whom we are about to dedicate this day to Thee.

May those who bring *him* to Thee come in faith, earnestly desiring and confidently expecting the blessings which Thou art so ready to bestow. And may Thy Holy Spirit be graciously given to the infant about to be admitted into Thy Church, that from *his* earliest days *he* may choose that good part which shall never be taken from *him*, and be indeed a faithful soldier and servant of Christ unto *his* life's end. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Or this.

O MOST merciful Saviour, who in the days of Thy flesh didst bid little children to be brought to Thee, and didst tenderly take them in Thine arms, and lay Thy hands upon them, and bless them, receive with Thy favour that little one

whom we shall to-day bring to Thee. Strengthen, O Lord, our faith, that we may not doubt but earnestly believe in Thy willingness to give all good things to *him*; to take *him* into Thy family, and to bring *him* to Thy kingdom. If *he* be spared to us, give us grace to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. And do Thou, from this day forward, work by Thy Holy Spirit so mightily and effectually upon *his* heart, that *he* may refuse the evil and choose the good; and, walking before Thee in newness and holiness of life, come to the kingdom which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Death in the Family.

O GOD, Who art our refuge in all generations, we humbly bow before Thy chastening hand. Thou hast sent

Thy messenger and hast called away one dear to us. May we meekly learn all the lessons which Thou wouldest teach us by this visitation. Teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. May we see more of the vanity of this world, and more of the greatness and nearness of eternity.

And, O Thou God of all comfort, comfort us in this our tribulation. Supply to us the loss of earthly friends, O Thou Friend of sinners. Make us to know and feel that whilst others pass away, Thou art evermore the same. O Saviour, Who didst weep by the grave of Lazarus, pity the sorrows of our hearts, and give us Thy peace, for Thine own great Name and mercy's sake. *Amen.*

Or this.

O THOU whose hands have made and fashioned us, and unto whom our spirits must one day return, in deep distress we would humble ourselves before Thee. Thou didst give, and Thou hast taken away; O help us from our hearts to say, 'Blessed be the name of the Lord.' May Thy voice reach all our hearts. May the lesson to be learnt from this sore visitation not be lost upon us. O awaken any amongst us that are careless; confirm any who are wavering. Teach us all so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

We bless Thy holy name for all Thy servants who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear; and we beseech Thee to give us grace so to follow their good example, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. And

whilst we remain here, comfort us, O God of all consolation, in all our trouble; support us when burdened; cheer us when downcast; and let Thy peace keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

For One going on a Journey.

LORD, be with us this day. And especially be with Thy servant who is about to leave this roof. Prosper *him* on *his* journey. Protect *him* from all dangers. And be with *him* in *his* going out and in *his* coming in. Make us all to remember that this is not our rest. May we be pressing onward with all earnestness, and at length reach our heavenly home, for the sake and through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Or this.

WE humbly pray Thee, O gracious God, to take under Thy care that member of our family who is about to go from us to-day. Give Thine angels charge concerning *him* to keep *him* in all *his* ways. Preserve *him* by Thy good Providence from danger and death. Bring *him* safely to *his* journey's end. And of Thy great mercy give to *him* and to all of us grace to serve Thee faithfully, and to walk in Thy ways; so that wherever we may be, and whatever may befall us, we may be safe under Thy protection, and be guided by Thy good Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Praise for a Blessing Received.

MOST gracious and loving Father, we thank Thee for all Thy mercies, and more particularly for that great mercy with

which Thou hast at this time visited us. Help us to show our gratitude, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by living more entirely to Thee, and by loving Thee with a more perfect love. Lord, tune our hearts for Thy service, and accept this our offering of prayer and praise, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Before receiving the Holy Communion.

O LORD, Thou hast invited us this day to Thy holy Table. Thou hast prepared a Feast for us, even that precious feast of Thine own body and blood. Give us grace to draw near to Thee with lowly and contrite hearts; and enable us to come to Thee as the Bread of life, and the Saviour of souls. Whilst we eat the bread and drink the wine, help us to feed on Thy precious Body and Blood. May we re-

member Thy exceeding love in giving Thyself for us; and may we hate the sins which nailed Thee to the cross. Make Thyself known to us this day in the breaking of bread; and send us away from Thy Table strengthened and refreshed. Grant this, we beseech Thee, for Thine own name's sake. *Amen.*

Or this.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we are called this day to Thy holy Table. We would draw nigh at Thy bidding with thankful hearts. But Thou knowest, O Lord, our hindrances and difficulties in coming to Thee. When we would do good evil is present with us. When we desire to contemplate the love of Christ in dying for us, earthly thoughts and cares come in like a flood, and damp our faith and hope. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the

glory of Thy name. Lord, increase our faith. Hide from us for a season the things of earth, and open heaven to our view. Give us a deep and humbling sense of our utter unworthiness. Give us true repentance. May we look by faith upon Him whom we have pierced by our sins, and mourn with godly sorrow. May we see in Christ our Saviour all fulness of love and mercy. May we feed by faith on Him with thanksgiving.

And do Thou bless all those who, kneeling with us at one table, shall partake of one bread. Knit us all together in brotherly love. May we enjoy the communion of saints here, and at last be joined to the spirits of the just made perfect, and the general assembly and church of the firstborn, in Thy presence and kingdom above; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

After receiving the Holy Communion.

WE thank Thee, O Lord, that we have been permitted this day to approach Thee, in Thine own most blessed ordinance. We have eaten bread and drunk wine in remembrance of Thee. O let us not forget the love of which we were thus reminded. Let us not miss the blessings to be gained in that heavenly feast. Forgive all that was amiss in us whilst we knelt at Thy holy Table. Pardon our want of faith, the coldness of our hearts, and the wanderings of our thoughts. Make us more earnest, more decided, and more heavenly-minded. May we ever remember whose we are, and seek to glorify Thee by a holy and devoted life. Grant this for Thine own sake, O blessed Saviour, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this.

MOST merciful Father, we have this day commemorated at Thy holy Table the dying love of our Master and only Saviour, Jesus Christ. For this great and precious privilege we humbly and heartily thank Thee. May our souls be greatly strengthened and refreshed by the holy ordinance in which we have joined.

Lord, we have solemnly offered ourselves as a living sacrifice unto Thee. O let us not sinfully take back, and keep for ourselves, what we have professed to give to Thee. Make us wholly Thine. Keep ever fresh in our minds the recollection of our Saviour's love; that a sense of that love may constrain us to live for Him who died for us. Lord, our hearts are sadly cold, our faith is sadly weak. Even within sight of the cross of Christ we doubt, and fear, and sin. O pity us; help us; pardon

us; quicken us; and, with consciences purged from guilt, enable us to run our heavenly race, until we receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, in Thine everlasting kingdom; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

To be used in any Time of Trouble.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, we would draw near to Thee at this time, when Thou art visiting us with affliction.

We would pour out our hearts before Thee, and show unto Thee our trouble. O God, help and sustain us for Thy mercy's sake.

Lord, we are in Thy hands. Thou art the Potter, and we the clay. O do with us as Thou seest best. Not our will, but Thine, be done.

May this affliction, hard as it is to bear,

do us good. May it wean us from this world, and lead us to the Saviour's cross. We have too often gone to earthly cisterns which hold no water. We now come to Thee, the Fountain of life; and pray Thee to fill us out of Thy fulness, and to refresh our weary souls.

O Lord, hear us; O Lord, pity us; and bestow on us an abundance of Thy grace and mercy, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For the Last Day of the Year.

O LORD, we thank Thee that Thou hast brought us to the closing day of another year. Thou hast been very gracious in thus lengthening out our lives. We bless Thee for delivering us from numberless accidents and dangers. Lord, it is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed.

When we think of the numberless sins and shortcomings which this year has witnessed, we have much need to be humbled in the dust. Blessed be Thy name, there is forgiveness with Thee. Grant it to us, for Christ's sake.

Lord, we desire with a new year to give ourselves afresh to Thee. May we, each day that we live, find more peace and happiness in Thy service, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Or this.

O LORD, hear our prayer, and give ear unto our cry; for we are strangers and sojourners here, and our days are as an handbreadth. Thou hast brought us to the close of another year; and for all Thy goodness and mercy to us through the year we thank and bless Thy holy name. Day by day hast Thou spared us, and hast

crowned us with mercy and loving-kindness. Thou hast borne most patiently with us, notwithstanding all our unprofitableness and sin.

O Lord, with shame and sorrow we look back upon the past. Pardon of Thine infinite mercy all our transgressions. And now that we are solemnly reminded how short our time is, and how frail we are, help us, we beseech Thee, to give what remains of our days more heartily to Thee. Give us grace to redeem the time; to gather up the fragments that remain of it, that they be not lost.

We know not, O Lord our God, what lies before us. Do Thou, who hast led us hitherto, still guide and protect us. Make the path of duty always plain to us. Prepare us for all that Thou hast prepared for us; and when our days are ended take us to Thy heavenly rest, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for the Recovery of a Member of the Family from Serious Illness.

O GOD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, we offer up to Thee our humble praise for Thy mercy in sparing that member of our family who has been sick, and raising *him* again to health. Thou hast chastened and corrected *him*, but hast not given *him* over unto death. Thou hast comforted us by *his* restoration, and hast not suffered us to have sorrow upon sorrow. O let not either *him* or *us* forget all Thy benefits. Let not serious impressions made in the hour of distress pass away. Let Thy merciful kindness draw all our hearts to Thee in love and thankfulness. While we live, may we live unto Thee; and when we come to die, may we die unto Thee: so that living

or dying we may be evermore Thine, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Christian Missions.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whose dearly-beloved Son, after His resurrection from the dead, did send His Apostles into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature; hear us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and look upon the fields now white unto harvest. Bless those labouring for Thee in distant lands, and prosper Thou their handiwork; send forth more labourers into Thy harvest to gather fruit unto life eternal; and grant us grace to labour with them in prayers and offerings,

* This Prayer and the one immediately following are taken from 'A Form of Prayer with Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of Harvest,' approved by Convocation.

that we, together with them, may rejoice before Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest.

O LORD GOD of Hosts, who dwellest in the high and holy place, and yet hast respect unto the lowly; who makest Thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendest rain on the just and on the unjust; who by Thy mighty power dost order all things in heaven and earth; we yield Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast safely brought us to the season of harvest, visiting the earth and blessing it, and crowning the year with Thy goodness. We praise Thee for the fruits of the ground which Thou hast bestowed upon us, filling our hearts with food and gladness. For these and all Thy mercies we laud and

magnify Thy glorious name; beseeching Thee to give unto us the increase of all spiritual gifts, the bright light of the Sun of Righteousness, and the dew of Thy heavenly blessing; and so to plant us here in the house of the Lord, that we may flourish everlastingly in the courts of the house of our God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

A LITANY SERVICE.*

(CHIEFLY COMPILED FROM A LITANY BY THE REV. J. W. S. POWELL.)

Morning.

O COME, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. *Ps.* xcv. 6.

Let us pray.

O God the Father, our Creator and Preserver, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O God the Son, our Saviour and Redeemer, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, our Comforter and Sanctifier, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O Thou who hast power to renew the heart, and convert the soul, and who art able to give life to those who are spiritually dead,

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O Thou who lovest us with an everlasting love, and hast shed Thy blood to save us,

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

That it may please Thee to give us pardon for all that we have done amiss, and grace to go and sin no more;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to enable us truly to believe in Christ our Saviour, and to love Him with all our hearts;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to enable us all to take up our cross daily; and to bear it after Thee;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true humility and meekness under all provocations, and patience under every affliction;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us cheerful and hearty submission to Thy blessed will, so that we may praise Thee

for all that Thou seest fit either to give or to take away;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless and preserve all Christian kings, princes, and governors, and especially Thy servant VICTORIA, our Queen, and all who bear authority under her;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless the Bishop of this diocese, and all the ministers of Thy holy Word and Sacraments, making them wise to win souls;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless this parish, to prosper Thine own work in it, and to increase the number of Thy faithful and true people;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless Thy

Church throughout the world, and to prosper the labours of all who are preaching the Gospel either to Jews or Gentiles;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Christ, hear us.
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Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Let us praise the name of the Lord;
And offer unto God thanksgiving.

Unto Thee do we give thanks, O Lord;
Yea, unto Thee, O Lord, do we give thanks.

O heavenly Father, we bless and praise Thee for Thy mercies during the past night, and for Thy fatherly care and preservation of us from day to day. But most of all we thank Thee for that Thou hast so loved the world as to give Thy dear Son to die for us. For this and all Thy benefits, give us thankful hearts. Put a new song even now into our mouths, and help us to praise Thee for ever in Thy courts above, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Evening.

ALL things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. *Matt.* xxi. 22.

Let us pray.

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From all the sins of our evil nature, from all unbelief, from impenitence, from pride, from spiritual sloth and carelessness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From those sins which do most easily beset and ensnare us,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of grief and gladness; in all time of weakness and strength; in the days of our life, and in the hour of death,

Lord, be Thou our Helper.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God: and that it may please Thee to give us true repentance and godly sorrow for all our transgressions, in thought, word, and deed;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to pardon our many sins, and to give us grace henceforth to lead a holy life;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to look in mercy on the poor and needy, to give them

a contented spirit, and to support them under every trial;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to look upon all who are in ignorance, error, and sin; to turn their hearts, and so bring them home, blessed Saviour, to Thy flock, that their souls may be saved in the great day of Thy coming;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless the sick and afflicted (especially ——), giving them the comfort of Thy presence, and making all things work together for their eternal good;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us grace according to our ability, to help the needy in their affliction, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to hear and answer our unworthy prayers, and to give us more and more the true spirit of prayer and praise;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us Thy peace.

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temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all the mercies of the past day; and we desire to commend ourselves to Thy care and keeping for the coming night. Preserve our bodies in health and safety, and our minds in peace. Let Thy fatherly hand ever be over us. Let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us. And bring us, we beseech Thee, at last to Thy heavenly kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

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